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Happy New Year...You're Busted!

SFPD Raids AIDS Benefit



Photo: Rick Gerharter

Revelers at the New Year's Eve Visual Aid benefit party hearty before SF's finest put a damper on the evening. An estimated 40 police in squad cars and patrol wagons shut down the party charging it was an illegal nightclub.

by Dennis Conkin

The San Francisco board of supervisors will hold public hearings in the future to hear allegations that police officers who raided a New Year's Eve party at a South of Market warehouse used excessive force and made anti-gay slurs.

An estimated 600 people attended the New Year's Ball, at 938 Harrison Street, which organizers said was an invitation-only benefit for Visual Aid, a group that helps terminally ill professional artists produce and preserve their works. Eleven people were arrested during the 4 a.m. raid by police and state Alcohol and Beverage Control officers, and were booked on various charges including possession of hashish, public drunkenness, and resisting arrest.

According to organizer Terence Alan, who lives at the site, the benefit was a private party. Police chief Anthony Ribera disagreed, and defended the raid by saying the event was "an illegal nightclub" that charged admission.

In their reports of the incident, police said they also observed numerous sex acts at the party.

Ribera said that police were alerted to the event by fire marshals, who had received a call from a competing South of Market club owner. Fire Department officials refused to provide the B.A.R. with the name of the club owner who complained.

Alan said that the event had been cleared with a police permit officer, that there was no alcohol served on the premises, and that no entry fee was charged.

Southern Station Captain Michael Yalon disputed Alan's statement, and said organizers were told they could not have the event without obtaining police permits to dance or have entertainment.

Organizers and others who were present during the police action allege that police refused to identify themselves when asked, unlawfully searched the premises, brutalized a woman photographer and others, punched people in the face, and used anti-gay and anti-PWA slurs such as "fucking faggots" and "AIDS-infected faggots" during the raid. They also charge

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Eileen Hansen

Hansen Named To Bldg. Commission

by Kent Brandley

Eileen Hansen, who has been a lesbian/gay political activist for more than two decades, has been named to the Building Inspection Commission by San Francisco Board of Supervisors President Angela Alioto.

The Building Inspection Commission was created as a result of passage of Proposition G in the November election.

Hansen and two other appointees were sworn in by Alioto in the Board of Supervisors Chambers on Tuesday, January 3, at 12 noon.

Hansen has been public policy director for the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for the past 10 months and is former executive director of the National Lawyers Guild AIDS Network.

She is currently president of the board of the Women's AIDS Network and served as vice-chair of the Joint Task Force on the HIV Epidemic. A graduate of the University of San Francisco, she has a bachelor's degree in Organizational Behavior.

Hansen, who has been active in the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club, was co-chair of the Milk Club's Political Action Committee, 1992-93. She was a co-founder of the AIDS Action Pledge (now ACT-UP/San Francisco) 1987-1989. Hansen was Northern California regional organizer (1986-1987) for the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

Alioto also appointed Jamie Sanbonmatsu, tenant organizer with the Tenderloin Housing Clinic, and Robert G. Davis, realtor and founding member of the Western Addition Concerned Citizens Organization, to the newly created commission. ▼

San Jose Mercury News Sued Over Anti-Gay Harassment

by Dennis Conkin

A gay San Jose Mercury News employee who was told by an executive he "shouldn't make mountains out of molehills" when he complained about anti-gay harassment on the job has filed a major sexual orientation harassment lawsuit against the newspaper.

By the time plaintiff Peter Eliason was diagnosed in November 1994 as suffering from a major depression caused by the stress of the anti-gay harassment at the newspaper, several years of anti-gay incidents had escalated from rumors, gossip and jibes about his sexual orientation to criminal threats of property damage

to Eliason's truck by an anti-gay co-worker.

In one incident detailed in the lawsuit, two *Mercury News* district managers said they did not want to eat a piece of Eliason's birthday cake because they feared they might catch AIDS after he blew out the candles at a work-site celebration.

Attached to the lawsuit are photographic exhibits of some of the alleged harassment suffered by plaintiff Eliason, including a used condom left in his work mailbox by an unidentified co-worker, a graphic cartoon depicting gay men having unsafe oral and anal intercourse, and a defaced brass nameplate with the word "faggot" gouged into it.

The *San Jose Mercury News* is represented by the law firm of Little, Mendelson, Fastiff, Tiehey and Mathison, which had no comment on the litiga-

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Ammiano To Be Sworn In at City Hall

Former San Francisco School Board President and longtime progressive gay activist, comedian and educator Tom Ammiano will be sworn in on Monday, January 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the legislative chambers of San Francisco City Hall. An Inaugural Celebration will be held at the Herbst Theatre Lounge in the San Francisco Veteran's Building at 401 Van Ness Avenue from 6-8 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.



Photo: Dean Lusk

Tom Ammiano

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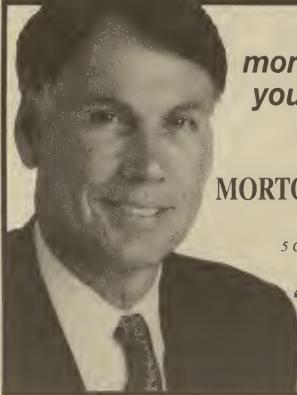
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COMMUNITY NEWS

HIV-Phobic Plastic Surgeon Sued For Third Time

by Dennis Conkin

A prominent San Francisco plastic surgeon has been slapped with a third HIV discrimination lawsuit for refusing to perform plastic surgery on people with HIV.

Attorney Paul Wotman filed the suit against Dr. David Khan on December 20 on behalf of Richard DiGuilio, who charges that Kahn's office ordered an HIV test without obtaining his informed consent and that, when he told the physician he was HIV positive, Kahn refused to operate on him.

Wotman represents two other clients who are suing Kahn with similar allegations.

In the first lawsuit filed on behalf of John Roe, a client whose name has been withheld for fear of further HIV discrimination, Roe paid the plastic surgeon \$500 for cosmetic eye surgery.

At a pre-operative appointment with Kahn, Kahn's assistant handed Roe instructions for a series of blood tests that were described as "routine tests."

Roe noticed that one of the tests was for the HIV test and declined to consent to an HIV test and also disclosed that he was HIV positive.

Kahn was called to the room and told Roe that it was "office policy" not to operate on people with HIV.

DiGuilio, Roe and a third plaintiff, Edward Pease, are seeking damages for HIV discrimination under the California Unruh Civil Rights Act,

the Americans With Disabilities Act, the San Francisco Police Code's anti-HIV discrimination provisions, and for violating state laws which forbid physicians from ordering and obtaining HIV tests without first obtaining a patient's written consent.

"DiGuilio, Roe and Pease filed suit to make sure that others who are HIV positive are not denied treatment," Wotman said.

Wotman said that if health care workers, including physicians, follow universal safety precautions in operating rooms, there is no need to discriminate against people with HIV.

Wotman also said the suits were filed to show that it is against California law for physicians to order or obtain HIV tests without informing their patients and obtaining their consent to such testing.

Earlier this year, the US Department of Justice announced a \$100,000 settlement against a Houston dental office which refused to treat a patient with HIV. In a similar proceeding in November 1993, a Southern California urgent care facility settled out of court for \$85,000 in denying care to an HIV positive man.

In addition to the multi-million dollar lawsuits, Kahn could face sanction by the California State Board of Medical Quality Assurance for failing to obtain informed consent for the HIV test from patients and for discriminating against people with HIV. ▼

It's Not San Andreas's Fault

Getting Ready for the Big One

by Kent Brandley

Earthquake!

Is the Castro, or are city gay and lesbian residents in general, ready for a major disaster?

Ready or not, the big one may be coming, and the community is being asked to prepare itself for that eventuality.

The San Francisco Fire Department and its Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) training program is coming to the Castro and other city neighborhoods.

"We were and still are quite concerned," says Jim Harris, an openly gay man, who is on the city advisory board of NERT. "When we went to the database, we found no coordinators listed in the Castro area."

The movers and shakers are now trying to get volunteers to coordinate the NERT program citywide but particularly in the Castro, Harris said.

"We are trying to do what we can to get the most people to do the most possible for everyone," Harris said in an interview with the Bay Area Reporter.

NERT training may be the most practical solution to the various crises associated with an earthquake. Sessions get underway January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Most Holy Redeemer Church Hall, located at 100 Diamond Street at 18th in the city.

The NERT course consists of six classes. Each class is two and a half to three hours long. There is a \$25 fee. Graduation includes a yellow hard hat with NERT on it, an orange vest which you can see in the dark, a diploma, and an identification card to be used in event of disaster, according to information provided by Harris.

"What's really good about this program is the empowerment



NERT's Jim Harris is concerned that the Castro might not be ready for the next big one.

ment part. When you know you have the training to help someone in a disaster, you feel good about yourself," Harris said.

Harris, who is currently coordinator of the Potrero Hill NERT group, has already gotten five or six gay and lesbian people involved in the NERT program in the Castro/Duboce Triangle area.

Harris, who dabbles in art and art restoration as a livelihood, recalled that he got involved after someone called him from Visitation Valley and asked, "Do you know what would happen if an earthquake or major fire hit? Would you know where to cut off electricity?"

Harris had to answer honestly, "No I do not."

The caller continued, "The San Francisco Fire Department is conducting Neighborhood Emergency Response Training, so you'll find out these things. What would happen if a good friend of yours was seriously cut?"

"I would put a tourniquet around it to stop the bleeding," Harris responded.

"Wrong answer," the caller said. "You should apply direct pressure with clean cloths to the

wound."

Harris was convinced he needed the training. "What I have learned – one of the most important things I have picked up – is to remain calm during any disaster, and this comes from being around people who are confident and who can teach you how to handle it."

Harris has learned about opening an injured person's wind passages, how to treat someone in shock, and triage, or how to segregate and prioritize treatment of injuries.

Since its inception in 1990, the NERT program has trained more than 2,500 people in city neighborhoods, private businesses and city departments. Its rapid growth has been the result of residents who understand the importance of self-sufficiency during the first 72 hours following a major disaster.

Earthquake disaster drills are held twice a year by the fire department and provide NERTs with an opportunity to practice their disaster and survival skills. The next drill will be held on Saturday, April 22, in neighborhood staging areas throughout

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Botkin Assailant Arrested

by Dennis Conkin
and Edward Elhauge

A Massasoit Street resident of Bernal Heights who is suspected of a December 21 late afternoon attack on a gay *Bay Area Reporter* columnist who has AIDS has been arrested and charged with misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon. The offense was also charged as a hate crime.

Darin De La Houssaye, 27, was cited and released on December 29 by police after his arrest on charges that he beat and kicked well-known AIDS activist Michael Botkin in an anti-gay attack in Bernal Park.

De La Houssaye will be arraigned on the charges at the Hall of Justice on January 26. If convicted of the assault he faces six months in jail.

Botkin told *Bay Area Reporter* readers that the attack left him with "the equivalent of a full-fledged opportunistic infection" that includes drenching night sweats—which he hadn't suffered in months—constant fevers and a flare-up of painful peripheral neuropathy and potentially dangerous weight loss.

According to a police report of the occurrence, Botkin and his lover Steve Finley were walking their dogs in the park when De La Houssaye and a second unidentified male drove by on white dirt bikes with oversize tires.

Each suspect was carrying a young boy about four years old perched between them and the bike handlebars.

According to the police report, Botkin yelled to the men that he didn't think that it was legal for them to be driving dirt bikes in the park.

"It's none of your fucking business, faggot," De La Houssaye allegedly told

Botkin.

According to the report, Botkin told the pair that if they continued riding through the park, he would notify the police.

De La Houssaye proceeded to repeatedly rev up his dirt bike's engine and drove straight at Botkin.

"Botkin picked up several rocks to use as protection," the police report states.

De La Houssaye stopped his bike about ten feet from Botkin and said, "What, you're going to throw rocks at me?"

Botkin dropped the rocks and said he didn't want any trouble and just wanted to be left alone.

Finley, who had walked up the hill prior to the altercation, yelled to Botkin to flee, but before he could, the report states, De La Houssaye got off the dirt bike, walked up to Botkin and hit him with his left hand sideways across the face with such force that Botkin's glasses were knocked off.

When Botkin bent down to pick up his glasses, De La Houssaye allegedly knocked him to the ground and kicked him three or four times hard in his left side and kidney area as Botkin curled into a ball to try to protect his glasses and his head.

As De La Houssaye kicked Botkin, he repeatedly yelled, "I don't have to take anything from a goddamn faggot," and "Die Faggot, Die."

"Tony, don't kill this one," De La Houssaye's accomplice allegedly yelled.

De La Houssaye stopped kicking Botkin and got back on his dirt bike and drove off with his friend.

Botkin called the attack sudden and violent and said that he told De La Houssaye—who is described in the police report as 6'2" and between 250-

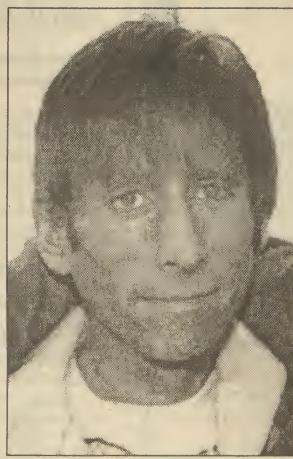


Photo: Rick Gerhardt

Michael Botkin

300 lbs.—that he had AIDS before he was struck, and said that the suspect appeared to be enraged by the comment.

Botkin and his partner Finley made a positive identification from a police mugshot and pointed the suspect out to a police inspector who drove with the couple to the Bernal Heights street where he lives. De La Houssaye was arrested the same day.

Although De La Houssaye attempted to hide behind a van when he saw the couple driving through the area with police, he was spotted and ordered to remain at the scene. He fled and was later arrested.

Despite the viciousness of the attack,

according to openly gay Assistant District Attorney Chuck Haines, head of the DA's Hate Crimes Prosecution Unit, the offense is "a wobbler" and could be charged as a misdemeanor or as a felony.

But, according to Haines, the facts of the case do not warrant felony prosecution, a position which Community United Against Violence executive director Lester Olmstead-Rose says could change.

"Even though it's been charged as a misdemeanor, it can still be re-charged as a felony," Olmstead-Rose told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "We think it should be charged as a felony. It was a serious assault."

In his column on the assault, Botkin told readers that the police inspector assigned to investigate the attack had recommended that Botkin take down a rainbow flag flying in front of his house, remove the rainbow sticker from his truck and avoid going out until the suspect was arrested.

Botkin instead asked residents of the Bernal Heights neighborhood to fly rainbow flags in support and solidarity in the face of the anti-gay hate crime by a neighborhood resident.

Special Investigations Bureau Inspector Robert Huegle told the *B.A.R.* that he realized it was an individual's right to display a rainbow flag and that he was only trying to advise Botkin on how to stay safe while De La Houssaye was at large.

CUAV Program Director Terry Person noted that the viciousness of the attack is consistent with a greater intensity of violence in assaults since the Victor Zohana shooting. CUAV is posting flyers in the area asking witnesses who saw or heard the incident to contact the non profit anti-violence agency at 777-5500 or San Francisco Police Special Investigations Bureau at 553-1133. ▼

The Pleasant SAGA of Gay Skiing

by Kent Brandley

If you're a gay or lesbian skier, you have probably been heartbroken about the former boycott of Colorado over Amendment Two. Now that the state's supreme court has ruled that anti-gay ballot measure unconstitutional, you may be itching to get back to shushing down those famous Aspen slopes. If so, you're not alone.

A 15 year-old organization called SAGA—an acronym for Skiers And Gay Athletes—shares your pain and your joy that the annual gay ski week in Aspen will be held again this year. ("After two years of political correctness and misery due to the boycott," the SAGA *North Newsletter* points out.)

SAGA North Ski Club members come from all over the Bay Area, and many of the smaller communities of Northern California. This season they will get together for at least three out-of-state ski trips, including the gay ski week in Aspen January 21-28.

Members will travel on an Alaska Airlines charter to Grand Junction, where they will connect to a chartered bus that will deliver them to their condominium lodgings in Aspen.

Last month SAGA members went to Squaw Valley, on December 10-11.

Bay Area skiers don't normally ski during the summer months, so the group also includes summertime hiking trips, white water rafting, biking, and similar outdoor rigorous physical activity.

Although the club has maintained a relatively low profile, SAGA has been in existence since 1979. It has 165 members, most of whom are gay men, but women are welcome too, and about five lesbians are active club members, club spokesperson Tom Brocato told the *B.A.R.*

Probably because skiing is relatively expensive, most of SAGA's members are men in their 30s and 40s who can afford the trips, the equipment, the lifts, and the lodges. The one-week Aspen package, for instance, costs \$995.

The next general meeting of SAGA North will be at 6:30 p.m., January 15 at First Unitarian Church, located at 1187 Franklin Street at Geary. ▼

The club may be contacted by mail at 2261 Market Street, Suite 231, San Francisco 94114 or by telephone at (415) 995-2772.

CORRECTION

A story in the December 29 issue concerning a study on inpatient HIV testing by the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention should have read, "If testing is limited to hospitals where at least one percent of inpatients have HIV, about 5,400 people a year will be falsely labeled HIV-positive..." The *B.A.R.* regrets the error. ▼

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HEALTH NEWS

FDA Approves Saliva HIV Test ...But Not for Home Use

by Lisa Seachrist
UPI Science Writer

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration announced Friday, December 23 that it has approved the first test for HIV antibodies in human saliva. The OraSure test, developed by Epitope Inc. of Beaverton, Oregon, is the first antibody test approved in the United States that does not require blood samples.

The OraSure is an absorbent pad mounted on a lollipop-style plastic stick. The pad, which is treated with a salt solution to enhance collection of antibodies, is placed between the lower cheek and gum for two minutes. The sample is placed in a sealed vial that contains a preservative solution and sent to specially qualified laboratories for ELISA assay testing.

Among the stated benefits of the test is that it protects medical personnel from the risk of needle stick accidents. Company spokespersons also said they believed its simplicity will expand HIV testing.

"The medical community now has available to it a valuable new tool in the fight against AIDS," said Adolph Ferro, president and chief executive officer of Epitope. "We believe the availability of OraSure will allow more people to know their HIV status."

Because it is non-invasive, the saliva test could become widely used to test individuals who are reluctant or unable to submit to blood tests, the company said. "Indeed, there are people who are very reluctant to have a needle stick in order to have an HIV test," said John Fitchen, chief operator

of Epitope. The laboratory procedure performed on the OraSure specimen is similar to that used for HIV blood tests, but the confirmatory western blot test has not yet been approved for the saliva test, so any positive results must still be followed up with blood work.

Another advantage, according to Fitchen, is the test's portability. "OraSure allows the collection to go to the patient rather than making the patient come to the clinic," he said.

While the company spokesmen refer to the test as "highly accurate," the FDA warned that the system is not as accurate as the approved HIV antibody blood tests. Studies show that the oral-fluid-based test will indicate one or two false negatives for every 100 HIV-positive people, and about the same ratio of false positives among HIV-negative people. The test is not available for home use and won't be used to test the blood supply.

Epitope expects to start marketing the test within six weeks; in the meantime, laboratories are going through the qualification procedure required for them to accept and analyze samples.

"We hope to expand the uses of OraSure to testing for hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella antibodies," Ferro said. "We see today as the launch of a new technology — oral diagnostics."

The FDA took four years to approve the new technology, and the announcement sent Epitope stock soaring 3 7/8 to 24 7/8 on the American Exchange, where it was the second-most active stock.

The test is expected to cost from \$5 to \$20 when it is available. ▼

KS May Be Viral: Columbia U. Researchers

by Lisa Seachrist
UPI Science Writer

A herpes virus may cause Kaposi's sarcoma, a once-rare cancer that now affects 15 to 20 percent of people with AIDS. Columbia University researchers found that almost all Kaposi's sarcoma lesions in

people with AIDS contain foreign DNA that is similar to the DNA of herpes viruses.

"For a long time, we've suspected that Kaposi's sarcoma might be caused by an infectious agent," said Patrick J. Moore, an epidemiologist at Columbia University's School of Public Health. "Though we

still need to do more research, I think this shows that a virus is involved with this cancer."

Scientists have thought that KS might be a sexually transmitted disease, because gay and bisexual men with AIDS are much more likely to develop the cancer than similarly infected hemophiliacs or intravenous drug users. ▼

COMMUNITY NEWS

Gay and Gay-Positive Teachers Plan Assembly for January 28

by Kent Brandley

The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) plans to hold its first-ever West Coast Conference on Saturday, January 28, in Santa Monica.

The GLSTN is the only national organization of gay and straight teachers working to end homophobia in schools.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. at the Crossroads School for the Arts and Sciences, located at 1714 21st Street in Santa Monica.

Dr. Virginia Uribe, founder of Project 10, will be the keynote speaker. Her work in the Los Angeles school system has been the inspiration for much of the school-based anti-homophobia work underway today. She will speak on current issues facing educators seeking to combat homophobia in schools.

One of about two dozen workshop sessions will be presented by Sylvia Weisengerg and youth from the Community United Against Violence in San Francisco. The workshop will draw on CUAV's 15 years of experience in successfully sending speakers to schools in the San Francisco area.

Other speakers who will draw on their personal experiences to discuss issues facing lesbian and gay student athletes and coaches include Nancy Boutilier, a varsity basketball coach at

University High School in San Francisco (and a *B.A.R.* columnist); Greg Louganis, an Olympic Gold Medalist in diving and author of *Breaking the Surface*; and Dave Kopay, a former professional football player and author of *The Dave Kopay Story*.

Another workshop will be presented by Kevin Jennings of the Massachusetts Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth. After the commission was appointed by Governor William Weld in 1992, Massachusetts took the lead in the fight against school-based homophobia. The session will review history, content, and strategy of the effort.

Other workshops will be presented by members of "Positive Images" of Santa Rosa, and by Kevin Gogin of San Francisco Unified School District. He will lead the discussion on SFUSD's Support Services for gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth. Support Services is the only program working with sexual minority youth in the U.S. completely integrated within a school district. ▼

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Greg Louganis



Virginia Uribe



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Clinic Violence Protested

BACORR activists protest the murders of Brookline, MA abortion clinic workers outside St. Mary's Cathedral by burning an effigy of Operation Rescue honcho Joseph Scheidler.

Berlandt Dies After Three Decades Of Gay Activism

by Dennis Conkin

Longtime San Francisco gay liberationist Konstantin Berlandt died of AIDS on December 27, after a lengthy battle with the disease. He was 48.

Berlandt, a native San Francisco resident, was a journalism graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and

one-time editor of *The Daily Californian*, a UC Berkeley newspaper.

Berlandt declared his sexual orientation to readers of the paper in the late 1960s. His writing appeared throughout the gay press including the *Bay Area Reporter* and early gay liberationist anthologies such as *Out of The Closet: Voices of Gay Liberation*, edited by Karla

Jay and Allen Young.

Berlandt was also active in protests over *Cruising*, a gay exploitation film with Al Pacino that sensationalized mid-1970s New York gay leather sex culture.

In 1980, Berlandt was co-chair of the Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee with lesbian and Indian activist Barbara Cameron. During his troubled

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The Black Book Can't Be Beat...But It Will Tell You Who Can!

by Dennis Conkin

The 1995 edition of *The Black Book*, a comprehensive annual guide to sex positive and alternative sexuality lifestyles, is hot off the presses in time for the new year. And, according to editor Bill Brent, the compendium is his biggest kink and fetish directory yet.

"Our previous editions have been very successful, and we're happy to be back with an even better one. This year we've seen several new publications in a similar vein enter the marketplace. We're proud that we were doing it first," Brent says.

Brent strongly believes freedom of sexual choice is every American's birthright; he also says sex should be fun, should enhance the quality of life, and can be great therapy.

"Sexual love is a powerful healing force, one that this lonely culture needs now more than ever. This book provides you with a tool to pursue your pleasure," he says in *The Black Book's* introduction.

"Everyone is sexual. Even choosing celibacy involves acknowledging one's sexuality," he says. "However, we're living through an era when some very powerful forces are trying to control our behavior by suppressing sex and foster-

ing ignorance."

With more than 190 pages of listings — from accommodations (bathhouses, bed and breakfast inns, campgrounds, hotels, meeting spaces, and resorts) through bondage (books, corsets, furniture makers, gear, social and support and how-to groups, newsletters) to sex toys, therapists, travel, and zines — the exhaustive catalog fights ignorance as it draws rave national reviews.

"It's a great introduction to alternative sexuality or just something to keep in your desk drawer if you need to look up a phone number or address," writes Seth Friedman of *Factsheet Five*.

The resource guide provides alphabetical, geographic, and topic listings, as well as an index and a complete listing of more than 100 sex-positive and fetish periodicals, ranging from the widely acclaimed quarterly publication *Future Sex* to the radical faerie publication *RFD to Pledges and Paddles*.

Brent is also the publisher of the companion pansexual quarterly publication *Black Sheets*. ▼

For more information about *Black Sheets* or the *Black Book* call (415) 431-0171 or write P.O. Box 31155, San Francisco 94131.

AIDS/HIV Antibody Testing in the East Bay

by Mary Ann Swissler
East Bay Correspondent

In 1984 ignorance is knowledge. In 1995 knowledge is power and ignorance is potentially fatal. Fortunately, East Bay residents do not have to go far to increase their knowledge — at least when it comes to their HIV antibody status.

If you made a New Year's resolution to check your antibody status and you live in the East Bay, you should know the following locations provide testing at various days and times. Call for exact schedules:

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Gay Men's Health Collective
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(510) 644-0425

Central Health Center
470 27th St., Oakland
(510) 271-4263

Eastern Health Center
2449 88th Ave., Oakland
(510) 577-5666

Fairmont Hospital, Building C
15400 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro
(510) 667-3215

tenure with the committee, the group changed its name to the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee.

Berlandt was also active in efforts to prevent the closure of gay bathhouses by the city in the early 1980s.

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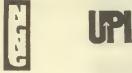
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EDITORIAL**Issue Number One**

The new year has begun. The old year is dead. Long live the year. Et cetera.

This *Bay Area Reporter* is the first of 1995: our issue number one. And as we set about planning it, we also started thinking about what the gay and lesbian community might want to have as its own "number one issue" for 1995.

There are a few dozen possibilities – if not hundreds – to choose from, but violence is at the top of the list for many of us. One needn't be gay or lesbian to worry about violent crime, of course; it's the main concern of most of the country's citizens right now. The difference, though, is that most Americans only fear what the press likes to call "senseless crimes," but we have the added burden of worrying that we will be attacked by wackos who say they are doing the world a favor by trying to kill us. And, all too often, succeeding.

The increased incidence of gay bashings, plus the shootings of abortion clinic workers, show that domestic terrorism is on the rise and progressives are the most frequent targets. And far from being mourned as victims of senseless crimes, we are more likely to be victimized again after the attack – the underlying subtext being that those crimes against us are "senseless."

B.A.R. columnist Michael Botkin knows about the problem first-hand, having been viciously attacked by a basher in December. He is discovering now that the rules for gay victims of crimes are different than he thought, as he points out in his col-

umn this week. We are also printing advice for those who find themselves the victims of hate crimes, on page 11; it might be worth cutting out and saving. We hope you'll never need it, but we are sad to say we are sure some of you will.

One of the things we have to learn to do is fight back. No, fighting isn't the kind of things polite boys and girls are supposed to engage in, but this isn't the time to be polite. Our lives are on the line, as are the lives of others.

We don't only mean fighting back as in using our fists against aggressors – although that is part of it, and we urge everyone to take a class that will teach you how to overpower an attacker, since fighting without that knowledge is extremely dangerous. We also mean fighting the tide of jingoism. Fighting conformity for the sake of conformity. Fighting the lie that we don't belong.

These days the airwaves are full of jingoist exclusionary conformists, and one phrase they keep repeating is "that's what the American people want." It's important for you – and every gay and lesbian person you know – to fight back by pointing out we progressives are, in fact, the American people, too. And we expect more than the conservatives are willing to offer.

As these words are being written, Washington Republicans are welcoming 1995 by doing whatever they can to make Democrats squirm – challenging Dianne Feinstein's re-

election, releasing irresponsible statements about the Whitewater investigation, etc. – and the Democrats are obliging by squirming. It's sad, really, and more than a little pathetic, but not without its merits.

It's extremely instructive to watch how the GOP firebrands act as they take the reigns of power. They are sure of themselves, sure of their mandate, unafraid, organized, and focused. We hate many of them, but we can't help envying the people who voted for them. What must it be like, we wonder, to begin 1995 with such confidence?

Progressives will have to learn from their enemies if they are to get back what they have lost. They must have a clear vision of the kind of America they want to build, an ability to communicate that vision, and a strong commitment to hanging tough when their principles are out of favor. For all the bad things that can be said about Gingrich, Dole, D'Amato, and that gang – whom we like to call the Missed Congenitalities – it is nevertheless possible to admire their skill at getting what they want (in much the same way one could "admire" those abilities in Machiavelli and Hitler).

We hope the Democrats who are shut out of the political process in the next 100 days – at least – don't just spend that time whining and picking at their scabs. We'd like to see them fighting back, too, by engaging in a thorough assessment of their number one issues, followed by a concrete plan of action to get their agenda moving again. ▼

GUEST OPINION**The Pride of a Lion**

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hen my son came out to me, I soon discovered that a lot of people hate homosexuals. I'd known that all along, I guess, but hadn't thought much about it. The full impact of our society's pervasive homophobia becomes apparent only when it affects someone important to you.

Although I went through the usual denial, grieving, and other stages so familiar in the literature, another healthier reaction soon dominated my responses. The fierceness and violence of it astonished me. The way I had always imagined an angry lion, for example, defending cubs against the hunter, I found myself enraged that some people might attack my son, verbally or even physically, for something as private and unobjectionable as his sexual orientation.

Although I continue to mask my rage most of the time, I consider my fierce reaction to be the essence of what masculinity used to mean. Defending your gay child is far tougher, consistent with, and appropriate to being a "real man" than lamenting his tilt away from heterosexuality.

I don't usually worry about my feelings and responses being masculine enough. I'm more concerned that they be human. However, I mention this reaction to my son's coming out because it may help some fathers whose responses are still tied up with the old masculinity myths. Fighting for your gay children is far more "macho" than ignoring them or throwing them out of the house. If you don't turn your back on friends, as "real men" don't, you certainly shouldn't be turning it on your children!

That's why I have so much difficulty understanding fathers who give their gay sons a hard time. What I or they think of homosexuality is irrelevant. Even

if I thought of it as a sin, which I don't, my son is right even if he's wrong. He's right because he's my son. If it has to be us against the rest of the world, then that's the way it will be.

To let down your gay male or lesbian child violates the most natural, fundamental, and intense human attachment any parent can have. As we became more civilized, we began to call it love, but that word just approximates a complex feeling that originated deep in our evolutionary past. Discovering my son's sexual orientation put me in touch with that feeling as nothing else had before.

I sometimes get impatient in support groups and other conversations with parents; there's often too much sophisticated analysis of subtle feelings and self-indulgent wallowing in the grieving process. Too many parents grapple with their ambivalence about homosexual orientation and practices, and struggle slowly toward understanding and "acceptance."

All of this may be useful and essential, but it neglects a crucial point that comes before everything else. Your child is your child, no matter what, and neither sexual orientation nor anything else changes that. When it comes to acceptance, there's nothing to be subtle or sorry about. Get in touch with the feelings you had when you became a parent. Stop moaning and start being a lion!

This column is for gay children and their mothers to show fathers who don't love and accept their homosexual offspring. No matter how those fathers feel about homosexuality, they should be out there standing up for their children.

That's the "natural," "normal," and "manly" thing to do! ▼

by
James M. Pines
Member,
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and Gays

LETTERS

The Truth about Masturbation

Your December 15th editorial, "Let's Talk About Masturbation," is right on the money when you emphatically side with the teaching of masturbation as a part of sex education in the schools. Health classes are sources of real, practical information for teens who are often confronted with ignorance, propaganda, and lies from the media and their peers. If certain subjects are off limits to teachers, this sends the message to teens that they are sinful practices. Young people need an open space where they don't have to feel ashamed of their bodies and their awakening sexuality, whatever their sexual orientation.

Dr. Elders was punished for speaking the truth, not for offering a wild, unsubstantiated opinion. She wasn't advocating masturbation as a permanent occupation or to replace sex with a partner, but acknowledging it as a part of a range of sexual activity. This is only shocking and appalling to those who believe that all sexuality should be in the context of marriage and reproduction. Let's hope that Clinton realizes that teens are facing confusion and fear concerning their sexuality, and that they deserve frank discussions and advice to help them distinguish truth from fiction.

Rachel K. Bussel
Berkeley, CA

Resisting "The Center"

The significance of [President Clinton] firing of Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders illustrates that white members of the sexual minority community will not actively support a straight African-American in a position of political power.

Some liberals argue that it was in Clinton's best interest to fire her as he attempts to move toward "the center" (and re-election) because there was no political cost to his actions. I argue that there is a price to pay when a politician runs on a campaign of appointing cabinet members who reflect our society, and then fires them because they do. The question is, what price will be paid, and who will pay it?

Is the sexual minority community willing to exact a price on the Clinton re-election campaign, to attempt to make it responsive to our voters?

The Clinton administration has never been what it was promised to be, and will never again be what it used to be. The cost to Clinton is a loss of credibility and a lack of enthusiasm amongst his once ardent supporters. The cost to our community is immeasurable. This administration will never again have a straight, non-homophobic, African-American woman with an M.D. who is willing to be our advocate. Elders was unique even to her community — for a middle-aged black southern woman reared as a United Methodist, she was certainly more conditioned to be puritanical than gay-friendly in a public forum.

Free speech in "the marketplace of ideas" on how to combat AIDS will have to be couched in puritanical terms, or simply omitted from the discussion altogether, if the next surgeon general is to keep her or his job. (There is something inherently un-American in the U.S. President creating a "chilling effect" on his Cabinet members.) Clinton, in refusing to support Lani Guinier, in firing Joycelyn Elders, in asking for Mike Espy's resignation, and in Ron Brown's resignation (to head Clinton's re-election campaign), sends an unintended message: A diverse cabinet is politically explosive, threatening, damaging, and ineffective cabinet.

But there is hope! The writers at the gay community papers and the black community papers agree that ousting Elders was a bad move. If these papers reflect the sentiments of their respective communities, we have finally found common ground.

Pamela Ayo Yetunde
San Francisco

Grove Groundbreaking

Thank you so much for helping us tell the AIDS Memorial Grove story on World AIDS Day.

I know you develop lots of stories every week, but the story you did on the Grove touched many of the volunteers and certainly all of us who were involved in the Groundbreaking event.

We're so desperate to tell everyone about the Grove and its purpose, and you were wonderful to help us.

Kerry Enright
Executive Director

Allen Miller
Publicity Volunteer
The AIDS Memorial Grove

Castro Hand-outs

In regards to Wayne Friday's "Castro Catastrophe" column in the December 1st issue, Friday writes, "the merchants in the Castro are getting ready to fight for their neighborhood" in regard to the panhandling there. As a minor who trudges down Castro on a daily basis, my response is that I'll believe it when I see it!

Our cute chunky cop, Dennis Tomason, summed up the situation precisely when he said, "Clearly this neighborhood has a reputation for generosity." And that is the crux of the problem. It started with one young man in front of Rossi's who looked more physically fit than I do. And although he called one guy a faggot, people continued to give him money, and so the stray cat was fed. And speaking of that, this girl starts trotting out a Siamese cat in front of Valley Pride to milk in that many more shekels. There was no place where the cat could possibly go to relieve itself and she had it there hours at a time. I imagine now it's finally out of its misery, probably from all the "trouillers" she must have used or possibly it died from all the cigarette smoke she exposed it to.

And speaking of that, the first guy, this girl, and the majority of panhandlers on Castro all smoke. Not only that, the more recent additions are usually sporting metal through some part of their anatomy, noses especially, as well as the latest gaudy hair styles, both of which cost more than I make in a day. I've even had them hassle me for money for drugs. My response to that is I have a habit of my own to support — eating. Obviously food takes less priority than cigarettes with them.

And there was a "protection" racket going on in the parking lots: when drivers would park, certain elements would offer to watch their cars to see that nobody bothered them — for a fee, of course. Halloween night there were twice as many, if not more, people panhandling the Castro. It's common knowledge there is good money to be made here, and that's why the numbers are increasing, especially with the holiday season. Naturally it's bound to affect business in the Castro, but from years of observation, the merchants try to ignore it — and then try to stamp it out all at once.

But unless someone or something poses a direct threat to their livelihood, the majority of the merchants are too busy to devote any time to Merchants of Upper Market, which definitely does keep current on what is affecting neighborhood business. Friday, with his political clout, and having the guts to bring it up in his column, can do more of a gay public service by bringing this to the attention of your readers. They are the ones that are the cause of the problem in the first place. If you don't feed the stray cats, they don't come back.

Name withheld by request
San Francisco

Speaking of Stray Cats...

Regarding George "Charo" Untermyer's letter "Spanish Geography Lesson," Mr. Untermyer needs to return to school. Please note the following:

1. Names of languages and nationalities, etc., are not capitalized in Spanish, so "madrileño" with a small m is correct. (Unless it begins the sentence, of course.)

2. Castellano, not castillano, refers to a language only, not the people of Madrid or Castilla.

3. The people of Madrid are affectionately referred to as "gatos" (cats) because of their tendency to roam the streets and alleys of Madrid all night long looking for pussy and Tom, Dick, and Hairy.

Daniel Solliday, Gato
San Francisco

A Walk Down Memory Lane

[The following letter was sent to B.A.R. columnist Sweet Lips:]

I really enjoy your column, it keeps me up on a few of my favorite haunts.

Years ago (and I do mean years) I wandered into Kimo's, where Marlene was behind the plank. I started going in on Friday mornings for a Bloody Mary and to read the newspaper. Where is this letter going? Only to say every time I walked in, I received whispers, "Marlene doesn't like girls."

Well, gee whiz, not only was Marlene friendly, not bitchy, she always made me feel welcome. Marlene's name mentioned in your column brought back memories, since I haven't been back to Kimo's since.

So thanks, Sweet Lips, for reminding me of pleasant memories of Marlene and Kimo's.

Jo Chavez
San Francisco

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The Merits of Michael Stipe

I find it very disturbing that the gay and lesbian community is more than ready to denounce an artist because s/he will not make an either/or statement about his/her sexual orientation. Michael Stipe, lead singer and songwriter of the immensely successful rock group R.E.M., has recently (again) come under attack by the gay community for resisting the demanded monosyllabic answer to the question, "Are you gay?" Perhaps Stipe is trying to tell us something. Are we listening? Could it possibly be that there are other legitimate answers besides the politically correct "yes" or "no"?

How soon we've forgotten the exhilarating buzz that electrified the '93 March On Washington when the person beside you looked at you with a face of spiritual radiance and said, "This march is not about gay rights, it's about sexual liberation!" That expansion of vision has become as pinched and mean as the fundamentalists we rail against. If we believe that straights have a monopoly on tyranny or philistinism, we are, sadly, deluded. In the past six or seven years, much has been made in the lesbian and gay community of the significance of the Native American berdache, the shaman, the sexual mediator.

Stipe has embodied these qualities probably as much or more than any rock star I can think of. He is the monk, the dervish who provides neutral ground, a sanctuary for gays and straights to momentarily rise above the maya of sexuality and return to it with renewed vision. To the artist, forced polarity is anathema.

Regardless of his sexual orientation or his claim of sexual ambiguity, Stipe has served the gay community well. He is loved, admired and respected by straight and gay alike, no small accomplishment. For his sizable contribution, he is rewarded by both straight and gay media with inquisition style "interrogations." The desired "confession" may be as unnatural and untrue to his sexuality as the "yes" that was extracted from the latter-day "witch." This kind of literalism is counterproductive to the gay and lesbian community. It is also the death of the artist, an archetype that we as gays and lesbians make special claim to. It is time for renewed vision lest we become that which we most fear (and hate.)

Steve McKinney
San Francisco

The Inner Journey

When I was a little boy, I wanted to grow up to become an activist. A modern-day warrior. A spokesman and a leader. I wanted to become the Biggest, Baddest, Blackest Brotha' this side of the Mason-Dixon. The Brotha' of all Brotha's.

Or I wanted to become a Medicine Man, an Indian Chief, a Shaman; yes, a Shaman! I wanted to be proud and victorious: a survivor in the face of oppression.

I'd show 'em. I'd show 'em all. And by example, too. I'd show them that color is all but a state of mind. A quality of light, nothing more. That beneath the pigment that imparts color is our sum and substance, our essence, our collective humanness. That, with or without, we are all the same—every man, I am every man.

I would show them that, though I may be—was born—white, at my core, my essential self, there is a color so genuine that it could call into question what people of color themselves define as color. My inner African-Latin-Asian-American Indian self was screaming to be heard!

Now I'm all grown up. And while I never did achieve Brotha'hood, my inner person of color remains inexplicably unwelcome (yet). At least I did not become that which I feared most: a white man who sees himself as accountable for both himself and his kind. Thank the goddess, all communities aren't so exclusive. Isn't that right, girls?

Kate Pornestein
San Francisco

Paging Princess Di

Why doesn't someone like Mrs. Getty or Mrs. Swig or Mrs. Hale get on the ball, literally, and invite Princess Diana to San Francisco to help raise money for the new ballet building and the Hope Housing Program?

These two interests are very dear to the princess' heart and she would be sure to accept! There are a lot of queens in San Francisco who would pay big bucks (remember Barbra?) to meet the Princess of Wales!

Thomas Little
San Francisco

The Smoking Epidemic

Pardon me, but am I missing something here? We have a major horrible epidemic, killing over a half million citizens a year, with a disproportionate number of gay men and women suffering an early death.

The most horrible part of this is that it is for the most part self-induced, promoted with our own tax money and advertised and pushed by American companies who must recruit many more victims each year to make up for those they have killed. For those of us who have chosen not to self-destruct, we can still be killed by our own species who insist on drawing us into their poisonous aura.

Though it has killed and will continue to kill far more than HIV could ever think of claiming, and though the major portion of all our health costs are devoted to this terrible addiction, we willingly and blindly continue to support its proliferation among the young and innocent who, once drawn into its web, are doomed to a dreadful death.

There are no quilts being formed for its victims. No obituaries with pretty words said in the B.A.R. obits, no mention of the cause of death in any paper including *The New York Times*. Yet it marches on and continues to take our most talented and wonderful people.

I remember watching Leonard Bernstein puff away at its poison even when it was obvious that it was killing him and indeed had already claimed his wife, whom he watched die a horrible and protracted death every bit as terrible as any AIDS death. Yet he continued to smoke.

Every one of my friends who smoked, including my physician, died of cancer by the age of fifty. Yet we still read letters to your paper with no apologies for the horror they are causing to themselves and others who have chosen not to participate but are killed anyway by the second-hand smoke. I suggest they read those billboards that state clearly: "The tobacco companies want your life."

Gordon Salter
San Francisco

Donut Dialogue, Continued

Permit me once more to respond to another letter by Duesberg supporter Dennis McKown.

I would like to know by whose or what authority the HIV/AIDS theory still remains unproven? "Thousands of AIDS cases exist without the presence of HIV?" Really? Perhaps some cases resembling AIDS exist but I doubt they are quite the same thing. And of course I am familiar with Chronic Fatigue syndrome, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, etc. Don't be ridiculous! What the hell has this point got to do with AIDS anyway? There are hundreds if not thousands of diseases in existence but only one classified as AIDS.

Also, how can McKown claim that no document has ever been written or published to prove HIV causes AIDS? Does one need to be, given the evidence of what is going on in this world?

If HIV doesn't cause AIDS, how does one account for the deaths of Ryan White, Elizabeth Glaser, and others who contracted the virus through blood transfusions and have since died of AIDS?

If, as Duesberg claims, immune suppressants such as alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy, etc. cause AIDS and subsequent death, Ryan White and other children of his age and younger must have had very unusual childhoods indeed.

As for trusting the medical establishment beyond the shadow of a doubt, I don't but then I do not really have any reason to distrust either. This is a very complex situation and even the other forms of cancer which have been around longer have proved vexing to the medical establishment, so I do not see why we should totally reject traditional medicine simply because it has not yet found a cure.

I do not know what kind of doctors Mr. McKown has had, but my doctors have always emphasized good nutrition. He apparently paints the entire establishment with the same broad brush due to his total distrust of the medical community and his total paranoia behind certain substances such as coffee, donuts, ice cream, etc.

Yes, anything and everything can be bad for you if not taken in moderation and everyone is different and can tolerate things on different levels, but back to HIV before closing.

Can't we at least consider it the trigger mechanism and maybe, by not going off the deep end as Duesberg has apparently done, we can make progress in halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and prevent anyone else from dying from it. There are other voices of dissent out there, not just Duesberg, so let us keep an open mind and listen to all opinions. Perhaps if Mr. McKown does that, he might change his opinion about some things.

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Newt in '96?

President Bill Clinton had barely gotten the announcement out last week that he will indeed seek re-election in 1996 (despite the repudiation of his administration in the November elections) before the Republican presidential wannabes started coming out of the woodwork. GOP presidential candidates suddenly seemed to be everywhere, and one of the most

will provide, with the help of others, a party that disgruntled Democrats, unhappy Republicans and political independents can support.

Paul Tsongas appears very serious about creating a third party. He remains a respected figure among many Democrats, and his idea of an "alternative party/candidate" is certain to gain credence if General Powell eventually becomes the one to carry the independent banner.

Powell, incidentally, has not publicly stated his party affiliation but is generally assumed to be a Republican since he has always worked for Republican presidents. He remains immensely popular and has kept

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interesting names put forward as a possibility was that of the new Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich of Georgia.

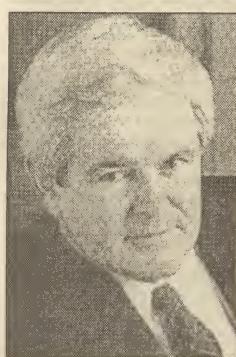
Take this one seriously, folks! The thought of the Newtster in the White House might make many wince, but the word out of Washington is that a number of Gingrich checkbook GOP backers met secretly two weeks ago to plot Newt's move from the top office in the House of Representatives to the Oval Office at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Most Republicans expect to see Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole duke it out with fellow Republican Senator Phil Gramm, former Veep Dan Quayle, former Housing Director Jack Kemp and even Pat Buchanan, but those close to Gingrich now believe the guy has the momentum going for him. If he can keep his high profile going for another year or so, he's a "natural" to take on Bill Clinton next year, one GOP financier commented Sunday.

No question about it, Newt is currently the "big man on the Washington campus" and his fellow Republicans are none too pleased about it. Indeed, the back-stabbing, albeit subtle, between Dole, Gramm and Gingrich has already begun.

Meanwhile, as many long-time Democratic D.C. movers and shakers (notably Tom Foley and George Mitchell) rode off into the sunset this week, many other Democrats were firmly predicting that "we'll be back." Does this all sound like fun for political junkies like us or what?

In addition, former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas, Clinton's most formidable rival in the '92 presidential primaries, has so soured on Clinton and Company that he says he will never back the president's re-election bid and is now speaking publicly about forming a third party with someone like General Colin Powell as its presidential candidate. Tsongas has stated that he will not enter the race himself but



Newt Gingrich

himself quite visible through frequent speaking engagements.

In fact, in a recent speech in Cleveland, Powell said he was "developing a political philosophy." Fueling speculation that he could be convinced to run as a third-party candidate, Powell added, "I think there is a possibility of a third party in 1996. I think it would be wonderful."

Though there is more and more discussion in Washington about a third-party candidate next year, one obstacle to such an event occurring is the fact that both the Democrats and the Republicans get millions of dollars in public funds that are not, by law, available to third-party candidates. Elections. Just when you get past one and think you have a breather from the bullshit of politics, yet another one comes along. The "democracy" we Americans live under brings with it the promise of an endless campaign made up of candidates none of us really much care about. Maybe outgoing California Secretary of State Tony Miller had it right when he recently proposed a "none of the

above" line on the voting ballot.

Politics and people

Speaking of the above-mentioned Miller (one of the most able bureaucrats in Sacramento), he will go to work next week as chief deputy to new state Controller Kathleen Connell. Smart move, Kathleen.

San Diego Mayor Susan Golding, a Republican, is getting high marks for securing the 1996 GOP Convention in her town (Aug. 12-15).

Pete Wilson has to be smiling. Wilson will go to the San Diego convention as a "favorite son" and could end up as the GOP nominee, though an offer of the vice presidency is more likely. Meanwhile, he continues to deny that he's interested in being anything other than governor of our fair state.

Chief clerk of the Assembly is one of the sweater "plums" in Sacramento; look for former GOP Assemblyman Tom McClintock to get that position when the Republicans finally take over. The current clerk, Dotson Wilson, is probably emptying out his desk about now.

In Concord, New Hampshire, State Rep. William McCann says he'll meet with the state's Roman Catholic Diocese in hopes of overcoming the Church's opposition to a gay rights bill that died in the '94 legislature due almost entirely to their opposition. Good luck!

And in Des Moines, a plan to teach students in high school about homosexuality has the support of the majority of the school board, but local fundamentalists are organizing to block it.

I don't know why the local (straight) press and so many gay activists are surprised/outraged by the Clinton administration's decision to withdraw the name of gay philanthropist/activist James Hormel as ambassador to Fiji. This one was predicted in this column nearly two months ago when it became apparent that the GOP would take over the Senate and Jesse Helms would become chair of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Political predictions can land you in a pile of you-know-what, but hell, every other political junkie with a forum is doing it, so here goes mine for 1995. Assemblyman Jim Brutler will eventually beat out Willie Brown for Assembly speaker. Willie Brown will run for retiring Milton Marks' state Senate seat and once again quickly become a top Sacramento power broker. Mayor Frank Jordan will be re-elected in a somewhat less

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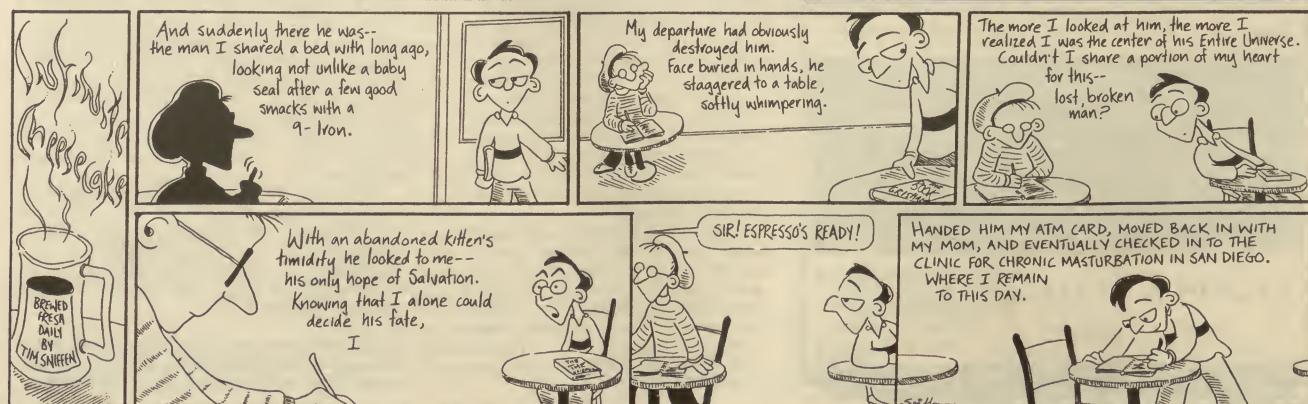
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DYKEOTOMY

The Spirit of St. Louis

by Elissa Perry

We are clipping along at 70 miles an hour on the highway on our way from the airport to our childhood home where our father lives with his new wife. It has rained recently, and the sun is setting behind the clouds. The streets and the sky are like a sheet half silver and half hematite.

We haven't spent more than five minutes alone in probably four or five years. The silences are only slightly uncomfortable. Somehow, my brother and I wind up on the topic of relationships, and after we agree laughingly that they are a full-time business, we drift back into silence.

Taillights switch on in front of us, and suddenly, everything illuminated seems like a Christmas decoration. "You wouldn't happen to have a cigarette on you?" my brother asks. I put one in my mouth, light it, and hand it to him. We have to stop at his house on the way to our father's so he can get the keys. Dad's still on a business trip but will be home in a few hours.

We exit the highway and pass what used to be a dyke-owned Mexican restaurant. It has closed since my last visit. We make the necessary stop and continue on.

A block away from Dad's, we pass what has now become the queer strip. The dyke-owned bookstore has grown; it now boasts a cafe. The dyke-owned record store has expanded into two storefronts, and the novelty/card shop owned by gay men seems to be doing a bustling business. Who'd have thought such a shopping strip would exist here just a little above and to the left of the buckle of the Bible Belt.

We finally arrive at 4706 Westminster Place, and I negotiate my way through the unfamiliar furniture — the rowing machine, stationary bicycle, Nordic Track, treadmill and weight bench — to the third floor where my old room is. I

open the door to find someone sleeping in a bed that is not mine — more furniture from my stepmother's house. I will later find out that this person is the son of the neighbor whose house burned two weeks before my arrival.

I open the door to the spare bedroom and put down my suitcase laden with clothes, paperwork and holiday gifts. The room is sterile like a hotel room save for a picture of me and one of a stepbrother I have never met.

My father finally returns from his business trip, and we go around the corner for a Welsh burger and chips. I see the cook over my father's shoulder and recognize him as

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the little brother of my 7th-9th grade best friend. The last time I saw him, he was thirteen. He's not so little anymore. He's at least 6'2", and he even has a beard. His sister will later tell me that he's 20. I ask him when his sister is coming in, and he tells me Christmas Eve.

Wonderful wings

The days pass. I stay up till three almost every night talking to my brothers or my mother or some friend I run into and find that we are still friends as adults after so many years and so many changes.

I hook up with my friend, the one whose brother is the cook, and we go run errands and wind up at Culpepper's restaurant with the best chicken wings on the planet. The grease drips from our fingers, and we lick them before grabbing our already greasy bottles of Budweiser (it's difficult to find anything except Anheiser-Busch products in St. Louis) for a swig.

We laugh so much my cheeks hurt. She doesn't bat an eyelash when I tell her that I'm a dyke. Her roommate is gay. We pay the bill and wind up going to a dyke bar. (Yes, a dyke bar actually exists here! A pretty nice one, too. So much

for San Francisco, huh!)

There is dance music on, but we are in the back where it doesn't impede conversation. The flashing lights and music surrounding the dance floor in the front portion of the bar create atmosphere and a soundtrack that makes me feel like I'm in some sort of Hollywood movie like a twentysomething *Big Chill* where the corniness is genuine.

I tell her about San Francisco and as much as I can of the last seven years of my life. She tells me about Kansas City, where she lives in a downtown loft apartment and works as a financial planner. "I am not lazy," she explains, "but I hate to work. This way I can make a lot of money and invest it wisely so I will be able to stop working as soon as possible." Sounds good to me.

The next night I go out with my brother and his girlfriend who I am meeting for the first time. She looks kind of like the mother on *My So-Called Life* but is much more beautiful and much less conservative.

She has Melissa Etheridge on in the car. I wonder if it's supposed to be for me. Does she know? I wonder. The tape ends, and I look over my brother's shoulder as he opens the box to find another one. I see k.d. lang, another Melissa, the Indigo Girls, Lyle Lovett, Me Shell N'Dege Ocello, Us3 — all people I listen to myself — among others. Hmmm.

She's read my stories she tells me and begins to talk about them. So she knows I'm a dyke and doesn't seem to care. We go to a two-story blues bar that is decorated in a funky way that makes me feel like I'm still in the Mission. We drink a few too many gin and tonics and talk the night away. I like her and she likes me. We're all a happy family. They make a pact to visit me in San Francisco.

The days and nights of my trip to St. Louis continue like this, filled with good folks and good times. Home, which I used to refer to as St. Lousy Misery, is not so lousy and miserable as I once thought. ▼

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crowded race than previously thought. The above-mentioned Milton Marks will not seek an Assembly seat as rumored. Carole Migden will end up running for the Assembly (and I'll take bets she wins). John "Jack" Molinari will be offered the job of chief administrative officer. District Attorney Arlo Smith will have no serious opposition and will win re-election easily.

District elections, in one form or another, will land on the ballot this year. Margo St. James, serious or not, will likely not seek an Assembly seat as announced. (This is just Margo being Margo.) New Board of Supervisors President Kevin Shelley will make a real name for himself and pressure will build for him to run either for mayor or one of those two Assembly seats.

In other news, Attorney General Dan Lungren and Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan are already prepping for a slugfest four years hence for the GOP gubernatorial nomination! Don't invite these guys to the same smoke-filled room.

A happy, safe and healthy 1995 to everyone! ▼

NERT

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the city.

The Loma Prieta earthquake and aftermath of October 17, 1989 demonstrated the importance of civilian volunteers during a disaster.

"The fire department recognized the tremendous contribution of civilian volunteers in the aftermath of the Loma Prieta earthquake and designed this program to help people be better prepared to take care of themselves and their neighborhoods in the initial 72 hours following a disaster, when emergency services may not be available," said Frank Lucier, program coordinator for NERT with the SFFD. "With this in mind, the San Francisco Fire Department has developed a program of civilian emergency response team training. The intention of this training is to give volunteers a higher level of basic skills in firefighting, search and rescue, disaster medicine, and disaster preparedness."

This type of program is presently going on all the way from Salinas to Dixon, Lucier told the B.A.R. So far training has been conducted in about 60 different communities.

The whole idea of a gay lesbian NERT group started with a lesbian woman who lives in Noe Valley, Marjorie Sheffield. ▼

For information, or to reserve space in the training program, call Frank Lucier, program coordinator for NERT with the SFFD, at (415) 558-3456.

Reporting Hate Violence

What To Do If You're A Victim

by Samuel R. Casas

The scenario is becoming all too familiar nationwide, even in supposedly gay/lesbian-tolerant San Francisco: a physical attack or property vandalism takes place on the streets, the office suites, schools or neighborhoods, motivated in whole or in part by the perpetrator's homophobia or other biases. In San



Jill Tregor
Francesco alone, 20 to 30 such cases were reported to Community United Against Violence during the first three months

last year, with 50 reported in December. "I anticipate that by the end of '94 we will likely surpass the 1993 total of 366," said Leslie Addison, CUAV Hate Crime Client Advocate. While that level of reporting indicates some awareness of what a reportable incident is, Addison noted that most victims don't know they have a right to report an incident as hate-motivated, whether it is criminal or non-criminal. Thus, the following information should prove helpful in the event you or someone you know is a victim of hate violence.

What is hate violence?

According to CUAV's training manual, hate violence is criminal behavior, including verbal harassment, threats, physical and/or sexual violence, blackmail, and property destruction, directed at an individual because of bias against his/her identity, including his/her gender, race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, HIV-status, physical and mental ability, and/or other forms of identify. Some examples:

- A skinhead group spray-paints a swastika on a synagogue. (Anti-Semitic)

- A heterosexual man goes into a gay bar, "picks up" a gay or bisexual man, and lures him outside where a group of his friends are waiting to beat a "fag." (Gay Bashing)

- A lesbian couple throws an anniversary party and invites their women friends; a neighbor threatens to kill all the "dykes" and fires a pellet gun into their window. (Anti-Lesbian)

- The Rodney King incident, in which police used brutal and unnecessary force in combination with racist epithets. (Racist)

- A parent finds his/her son's/daughter diary, discovers they are involved in a same-sex relationship and beats them as a result. (Family and Hate Violence)

- A heterosexual man or woman is physically assaulted by someone who perceives the victim to be gay or lesbian and

yells anti-gay, anti-lesbian insults at the victim. (Gay Bashing)

Victims and their supporters should be aware that there are several criteria that police are required to consider in determining whether an incident is hate-motivated:

- The perpetrator(s) used language or symbols that indicated anti-gay or AIDS-related bias such as the terms "dyke" or "fag" or painting of a swastika;

- Objects or items were used that indicate bias (e.g., a burning cross in front of a victim's residence);

- The incident occurred in a setting where there is a history of anti-gay incidents;

- The victim was engaged in promoting lesbian and gay equality or a response to AIDS;

- The incident coincided with a gay holiday like gay and lesbian pride day;

- There was evidence of hate group activity;

- There was evidence that the perpetrator was previously involved in anti-gay crimes or is a member of hate groups;

- The victim and/or the larger community perceived that the incident was motivated by anti-gay bias;

- There was an absence of other apparent motives; and

- There was evidence of intense rage, for example a severe beating or mutilation.

According to a 1990 report by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute on Anti-Gay/Lesbian Violence and Defamation, "Unlike police, some groups classified robberies as anti-gay if they occurred in gay-identified areas and appeared to be motivated by the perception that the victim was an 'easy mark', unable to fight back or unwilling to risk exposure by reporting to the police."

Police are often reticent to identify an incident in a police report as hate motivated despite a victim's insistence. When that occurs, Jill Tregor, executive director of the Intergroup Clearing house on anti-hate violence prevention and service project in San Francisco, advises that "the best thing you can do is contact community groups. Those who make progress in such cases are those where police are pressured by community groups, who often get police and prosecutors to give the case a second look." Sandi Bargioni, who heads the San Francisco Police Department's Hate Crimes Unit, agreed, noting that a victim or a community group may contact her unit at (415) 553-1133. "We will talk to the assigned investigator, if necessary, talk to the officer that took the report, and try to make an honest assessment of the incident. If we then feel that the case belongs in the hate crimes unit, it will be transferred here. If we do not feel that bias was the primary motivation, or if it is lacking in all documentation available to us, most likely the case will not be reassigned to the hate crimes unit."

Addison agreed that Bargioni's citation of the "primary hate motivation" legal standard for hate crimes is accurate. But she also emphasized that such a standard is very hard to prove, and emphasized that victims should insist on a report being taken even if a crime is not involved since the department's procedures on hate violence also require non-criminal hate violence to be reported. Thus, reporting an incident involving just a verbal assault "gives community groups and the police an awareness of the level of anti-gay/lesbian sentiments, and we can use it in examining this level," said Addison.

"For individuals, homophobia is a compounded trauma. Victims remember prior incidents of being derisively called a faggot or dyke. We at CUAV can help them process the trauma and help them put this incident in a broader social context," she added. CUAV also offers self-defense classes and assistance with other plans for making actual or potential victims safer. ▼

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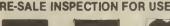
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Marty Rogers:
Sacto's First Angry Man

by Marghe Covino

Some people might be able to correctly guess by looking at Marty Rogers that the Sacramento resident is a professor, lecturer, and presenter of professional papers. What might be harder to tell is that the almost shy, soft-spoken man is best known as "The Father of the Gay Rights Movement" in Sacramento, or that he is even capable of the kind of anger that he says fuels his politics.

"Most of what I did was fueled by anger. I get angry and then I act," Rogers tells the *Bay Area Reporter*. "All activism is born in anger."

A life of gay activism was not what anyone expected of the bookish kid who attended the elite Bronx School of Science and New York University, then went to Columbia and Western Reserve for two separate Masters Degrees before getting his Ph.D in Clinical Psychology from Case Western Reserve in 1968, along with post-graduate training in psychotherapy.

In September of 1968, when Rogers came to California State University at Sacramento, he says, "It wasn't like it is now. We were frightened, terrified. You know you're gay – but not up-front. It was something to be concealed, hidden; something to do on weekends. At that time there were no other perspectives."

Then, in 1969 or 1970, he had what he calls a "transforming experience." A friend in medical school at UC Davis invited him to attend a meeting of a new gay student organization there, since Rogers was trained in group dynamics and the group was having some internal difficulties.

"It was absolutely foreign to me," he now laughs, "to see a group of gay folks in the daytime, in a room with the lights on and no mind-altering substances, talking about their lives. It was absolutely transforming: I didn't have a category for that realm of gay experience."

"I was so dazzled – I was in shock, really – and in my naivete I went back to Sac State and said, 'Why not start a group here?'

In the middle of the first planning session for that group, with 13 gay men in his apartment, Rogers "panicked" when a female neighbor who had indicated an interest in him knocked

at the door.

"I told the guys they would have to get out of the living room, that I couldn't let her see them there," he now recalls. "But then I realized what I was doing and I opened the door, told her I was busy entertaining friends, and we established the 'Society for Homosexual Freedom'."

Rogers now shakes his head in amazement at his own brashness. "You have to remember, I



Marty Rogers

"Homosexual Experience and Alternate Sexual Lifestyles," "Homosexuals As Persons," and other courses. At the time, regular course offerings needed to be approved by the University Curriculum Committee, which had special rules for courses that dealt with sexuality. The chair of the committee said of Rogers, "He's a gay man, but he's a good professor."

"They had no comprehension that we were more than sexual beings," Rogers says.

The "good professor" also endured the complaints of parents who wrote to then-Governor Reagan protesting his classes and his presence at the University.

Packed classes featured speakers like Reverend Freda Smith, now Pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, who presented biblical and spiritual aspects of gay lives; and inspired student leaders like Tim Warford, who went on to become co-founder of Sacramento's Lambda Community Center. To cover the social as well as the academic front lines, Rogers raised eyebrows by taking a date to the University President's Tea – where they danced.

Lou Camera, now the director of student activities at CSU Sacramento, says, "He was there before anyone else. He opened the gates and let others continue the work. My job is that much easier for me as an openly gay man at this University and it's because of what Marty did."

Larry Hoover, now semi-retired director of personnel at UC Davis, concurs, saying, "There's an awesome litany of his accomplishments stretching over 20 years. He was the first openly gay person I'd ever met, and I saw him continue to function in the face of threats of death and violence. He was an articulate spokesman for the community. He created a curriculum for UC Davis called 'The Invisible Employee' which was given to University Administrators and Managers and is available to corporate entities. It is an incredibly valuable piece of work."

Rogers also vividly remembers the time when, "After the court case, I was literally the only public person in Sacramento who was gay. Remember, at the time there was no Lambda Center, there was no Linda Birner and *Mom Guess What* newspaper: at that time she was one of my students. When the television people or the newspapers wanted a quote they called me. But just before I was to receive tenure I received a letter from a representative of the board of trustees which forbade me from making further public statements. It was pure intimidation. I called John Poswell again – he said they couldn't legally do that, so I just kept making my presentations – and I got tenure."

After instigating the campus mini-revolution, Rogers was a founding member and Steering Committee member of the National Association of Gay Psychologists and edited that association's newsletter; a mem- *Continued on page 15*

KQED's Special Writers

by Al Kielwasser

A recent episode of KQED-TV's (Channel 9) "This Week in Northern California" — the only regular news show produced by the Bay Area PBS station — featured a segment on San Francisco's landmark legislation that outlaws discrimination against transgendered people. Introducing the segment, host Belva Davis described the new law as providing "special rights" for the City's transgendered citizens.

Of course, the legislation protects the basic, civil rights of transgendered people and has nothing to do with "special rights," a category of mythical liberties created by homophobes. When Davis' shocking misnomer was brought to the station's attention, however, an on-air apology and correction were quickly promised. According to station representatives, the error was unintentional — a scriptwriter's glitch that in no way represented the conscious use of false and misleading right wing rhetoric.

Though the script error was unfortunate, KQED's swift response is certainly encouraging. Contact John Roszak, Producer and DeAnne Hamilton, Executive Producer, "This Week in Northern California," KQED-TV, 2601 Mariposa St., San Francisco, CA 94110, tel. 415-864-2000, fax 415-553-2456; copy your letters to Mary Bitterman, President, KQED, Inc., at the same address.

Valuable Guidance

"NetGuide" is a slick new magazine billed as "The Guide to Online Services and the Internet." The January 1995 issue includes "Pink Triangle," a review of ten computer BBS sites "that cater to gay, lesbian and bisexual issues and interests." The thoughtful, illustrated overview covers everything from the Internet's "Queer Resources Directory" to America Online's "Gay and Lesbian Community Forum."

Encouraging feedback may be directed to Patrice Adcroft, Editor-In-Chief, "NetGuide," 600 Community Drive, Manhasset, NY 11030, tel. 516-562-5000, fax 516-562-7406, e-mail netmail@netguide.com.

Victor, Victoria, Victory!

Blake Edwards, producer of the upcoming Broadway show "Victor, Victoria," has asked that homophobic lyrics in one of the show's planned songs be changed. The song "You'd Be Surprised" will "either be reworked, so that it reflects the sensibilities of the movie, or it will not be in the show." Complaints from actors who had been asked to sing the song during auditions generated the public interest that motivated Edwards' intervention.

The 1982 movie version of "Victor, Victoria" received praise in the lesbian/gay community for its positive message. However, the new song, written by lyricist Leslie Bricusse, contained lines such as, "If you knew who's a tough, but who's a real power puff, you'd stand with your back to the wall," and "Til the laws are revised . . . convicts are compromised . . . Boy Scouts and choir boys terrorized."

Direct comments to Blake Edwards, 11777 San Vicente Blvd., Suite 520, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

Music to Our Ears

Historical books written for young readers regularly omit any lesbian or gay references; homophobia — the collision of ignorance and fear — is created out of this endless cycle of censorship. So whenever a "mainstream" book appears that begins to break that cycle, it is certainly an occasion worth noting.

In a mixture of simple text and colorful illustrations, Kathleen Krull's "Lives of the Musicians" explores the "fascinating facts and

often humorous stories of twenty famous musicians — people of all shapes, sizes, temperaments, and lifestyles, from various countries and historical periods, beginning with Vivaldi and ending with Woody Guthrie." The author describes the varied personal relationships that framed these musicians' lives, most of whom achieved creative genius without benefit of the much-proselytized "traditional family values" (which, the propagandists claim, are the sine qua non of success).

About Tchaikovsky, Krull writes: "There are two stories about Tchaikovsky's death. Some say he carelessly drank unboiled water during a cholera epidemic, contracting the fatal disease. Others think he took poison because he was being blackmailed. Tchaikovsky was homosexual at a time when this was considered completely unacceptable socially, and members of the aristocracy were said to be threatening to expose him unless he killed himself." Perhaps in some more-enlightened classroom, children reading such a passage will be encouraged to consider not only how homophobia took a life, but how it may have robbed us all of musical masterpieces yet to be written.

Krull's book is hardly a diary of who is or isn't gay in the musical world; her historical anecdotes wouldn't even qualify as probing. Nevertheless — and most significantly — she simply acknowledges the diversity that exists among the lives of famous musicians. But for taking that simple approach, her book has already provoked criticism (after much censorious hubbub, for example, the San Diego County Office of Education has judged the book fit only for "older," high-school students, though it is clearly written for a younger audience).

Children's books that include fair and factual references to sexual orientation must constantly be recommended to local boards of education, so often the targets of Right Wing homophobes. In addition, authors of such books must be encouraged — despite the demands of bigots — to continue creating a literature of integrity and truth that is the right of every child.

Feedback can be sent to Kathleen Krull "Lives of the Musicians," c/o Harcourt Brace & Company, 525 B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

And the Beat Goes On . . .

Recent musical references also worth noting: Wayne Studer's "Rock on the Wild Side: Gay Male Images in Popular Music of the Rock Era" (Leyland Publications) is an intentionally-personal essay covering four decades of artists and their songs. With an emphasis on "classic rock," Studer analyzes lyrics for gay content.

Will Grega's "Gay Music Guide" (Pop Front Press) is a catalog of contemporary queer pop. "More cultural information is passed through the pop music form than through all the information in books and magazines combined, and music information makes its point quicker and with greater repetition," Grega argues. "Pop music stands head-to-toe with film and TV as the biggest cultural influences of our time."

Media Briefs

• Serious Film: "Just For Fun" is a new film, especially suited for teenagers, which examines issues surrounding homophobia and violence against gays and lesbians. For more information, contact Direct Cinema Limited, P.O. Box 10003, Santa Monica, CA 90410-1003, tel. 800-525-0000, fax 310-396-3233.

• On-Line Support: Fans can lobby on-line to save "My So-Called Life" at savem scl@aol.com. The program — at-risk for cancellation — is currently the only network TV series to include a lesbian/gay/bisexual youth amongst the cast of regular characters. ▼

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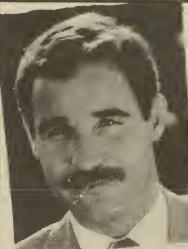
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Marijuana on Trial as Medicine

by Bob Roehr

In November 1993 Jerry Mensch of Charles County, Maryland was arrested at the farm where he raises goats, located about an hour southeast of Washington, D.C., for possession of ten grams of marijuana. The arrest wasn't the result of brilliant police work; it came from a disgruntled former housemate who turned him in.

Mensch says he grew and smoked marijuana to fight the fatigue, nausea, and diarrhea brought on by ddl, one of many drugs he takes to fight HIV. Two weeks ago, on December 19, 1994 he asked a judge to help him in his fight, and return his marijuana to him.

But now, he told judge George Bowling, "I just looked in the mirror. I just looked like I was

slipping away." The marijuana curbed the side effects of his medication, allowing him to regain weight and resume normal activity. The three-hour preliminary hearing was to determine if the court will allow Mensch to argue that using marijuana was necessary for his health.

It is called a medical necessity defense and has been used by a small but growing number of people to defend their use of marijuana to combat the effects of maladies ranging from AIDS, to glaucoma, to radiation and chemotherapy used in fighting cancers.

"Many judges will not allow it," said Allen St. Pierre, spokesman for the National Organization for Marijuana Reform (NORML). "Probably 80 percent or more of the time it never gets by its first impediment, which is a judge saying 'no' to a motion to bring it up."

But when an attorney is allowed to use that defense, and brings in the primary caregivers and an outside expert to testify, a jury almost inevitably finds in favor of the sick person. "The winning rate is remarkable, close to 98-99 percent," said St. Pierre. Mensch's physician, Doug Ward, testified at the hearing that he had not recommended Marinol, a prescription medicine containing synthetic THC, the active ingredient in natural marijuana.

In an earlier interview Ward had said that Marinol worked as an appetite stimulant for perhaps a third of his patients, not well for another portion, and "some people have intolerable side effects: it actually makes

BUILDING A CASE



How to Build a Medical Necessity Defense

Attorney Norman Elliott Kent has used a medical necessity defense to win relief for several clients. He offers guidelines to building your case:

"You need to be sick with an advanced, continuing, and deteriorating condition that causes you suffering. You need to demonstrate also that the traditional and tried remedies have been inadequate. And you need to establish that your chosen herbal alternative, marijuana, has retarded the condition of that debilitating condition. That is something you cannot always do alone."

"Come out of the closet" so your physician can monitor the results and establish "some reasonable nexus between your use of marijuana and the bettering of your physical condition."

Make sure that "consumption and possession is consistent with your condition." In other words, handle only the amount of marijuana that your medical use can justify. ▼

them worse." He also found that those who smoked cigarettes or marijuana were less likely to do well on Marinol and said he hasn't found it at all effective in controlling nausea.

Additional legal briefs will be submitted and Judge Bowling will rule about the first of the year on whether or not allow Mensch to use the medical necessity defense. ▼

Marin's Harmon To Receive MLK Award

by Kent Brandley

Longtime gay activist Bob Harmon is the winner of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award, given by the Marin Human Rights Commission, in recognition of his 18-month effort to get a domestic partners ordinance passed there.

Harmon, a Major in the U.S. Army reserve, announced he was gay in an Op-Ed piece in the *Marin Independent Journal* and was among the uniformed gay servicemen featured in a *New Yorker* photo spread. According to Patricia Maguire, a staff spokeswoman for the Human Rights Commission, the Richard Avedon photo was subsequently reprinted in a *Newsweek* magazine article about gay men and lesbian women in the military.

No newcomer to Bay Area politics, Harmon now serves as the elected corresponding secretary of the Marin Democratic Central Committee and is a delegate to the State Democratic Central Committee. He was instrumental in having two planks inserted into the State Democratic Party platform, supporting the inclusion of gays in the military and supporting the "Project Ten" program that provides special support to gay and lesbian students.

Harmon also helped organize the first Gay/Lesbian Marin Town Hall Meeting, and was the first non-medical person in memory to testify before the California Medical Association, at the association's 1993 State Convention in Anaheim. Harmon spoke in support of a pending resolution that called for the CMA to consider the impact of domestic partnerships on health insurance and vice versa. The resolution subsequently passed.

A graduate of the University of San Francisco, Harmon wrote for the Marin gay and lesbian newspaper *The Slant* between 1991 and 1994.

The award recipients will be honored at the Holiday Inn in San Rafael on Thursday, January 12, at 6 p.m. ▼

MLK AWARD RECIPIENTS

The other Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award recipients this year are:

• **Olivia Beltran**, a Latina community organizer and founder of a soccer academy for young people linking soccer with self-esteem and academic importance; sole organizer for three years of Las Posadas (a Mexican Christmas tradition), secretary of La Liga Latina de la Norte de la Bahia, an organized league of 21 soccer teams. A very long list of her community activism might fill a book.

• **Carole Hayashino**, a member of the Japanese American Citizens League. "She worked tirelessly in her efforts to launch a national legislative campaign seeking an apology and monetary compensation for Americans of Japanese ancestry interned during World War II," Maguire said. Hayashino contributed to grassroots lobbying efforts leading to passage and enactment of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, the redress bill signed by President Ronald Reagan. "She works toward improved human relations and understanding by building bridges internationally, nationally, and on a community level," Maguire said.

• **Joan Kilburn**, who founded the parent training and resource center MATRIX, for families with disabled children, in 1993. The organization is now nationally recognized and respected.

• **Kerry Peirson**, a resident of the low-income housing complex Shelter Hill who advocates for low-income people, minorities, youth, and other groups struggling for equality. Maguire said. Peirson, working strictly a volunteer, was one of the founders of the Marin Affirmative Action Task Force; participates with the Tamalpais Education Task Force; and is on the executive board of the Marin American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

• **Luther Wallace** has been executive director of the Human Rights Resource Center for the past eight years. "His advocacy for human rights goes well beyond the eight hours a day he spends at HRC," said Maguire. Known for his availability to and concern for all people, Wallace also serves on several key agencies, commissions, and councils in Marin.

• **The Reverend Fred Small**, pastor of the Marin City Church of God for 35 years, will be honored with the Martin Luther King Lifetime Achievement Award.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Inaugural Celebration for Lavender Sweep Victors

Getting the new year and the first complete work week after the holidays off to a roaring start, the Harvey Milk and Alice B. Toklas Democratic Clubs plan a gala Inaugural Celebration Monday, January 9, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the California Culinary Academy, located on Polk at Turk Street.

Invitations for the free event – which includes hors d'oeuvres – are being distributed by the victors.

The event will celebrate the 1994

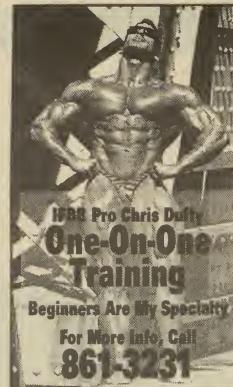
Lavender Sweep and the victories of San Francisco Board of Supervisor members Carole Migden, Susan Leal and Tom Ammiano; as well as Community College Board victors Leslie Katz and Lawrence Wong.

ArtReach Brings Art to AIDS Agencies

ArtReach will exhibit artwork by internationally known glass sculptor Dale Chihuly and other prominent artists with an opening reception, Saturday, January 14, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Life

Conference Center, located in the Wells Fargo Bank Building at 1675 California Street. The gallery will be open for viewing January 14-28 from 12 noon to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or by appointment, said Russell Brent, ArtReach founder. Chihuly donated three pieces of artwork to benefit ArtReach, Brent said. The Chihuly sculpture will be auctioned at Butterfield and Butterfield Auctioneers in April. Following the two week exhibit, the artwork will be placed in various AIDS/HIV service agencies and other non-profit organizations throughout the city, Brent said. ▼

-Kent Brandley



Rogers

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ber of the *Homosexual Counseling Journal* editorial board; a member of the American Psychologists Association's Task Force on the Status of Gay and Lesbian Psychologists; chaired the APA's Board of Social and Ethical Responsibility for Psychology; and pioneered a new school of psychotherapy for gay men and lesbians. UC Davis's Hoover describes him as "instrumental in the changes in the APA," including the organization's removal of homosexuality as a pathology.

"We needed to do the work to affirm the identities of gay men and lesbians and help them get rid of the pain which brings them in to therapy," Rogers says. "We needed a form of therapy that would say, 'You can be gay and a full human being.' Out of that need was born Gay and Lesbian Affirmative Psychotherapy."

A full-time dad

No matter how many other credits Rogers racks up, his 21-year-old daughter Piper is his proudest achievement by far. The biological

daughter of a former significant other, Piper "was just a baby when we first got together in 1973, and she was eight years old when we broke up in 1980," he recalls.

"By that time she was my child. After the break-up she went to live for a year with her mother in Southern California; I used to go down there to see her. I cared about her, and was concerned about her welfare. After that year she came to stay with me for the summer and I told her it was okay if she lived with me. Her mother consented and I became a full-time dad."

Although Rogers has curtailed his activism lately – partly because of chronic lower back pain, partly because of fatherhood, and partly because of a growing distaste for what he calls "the frontline stuff" – he is vitally interested in the future of the gay movement. "Legal issues must be dealt with," he says. "Our youth need to be cared for, and we have to come out." He has helped on at least one of those fronts by collaborating with colleague Teresa Corrigan on a workshop for schoolteachers and administrators called "Invisible Students At Risk," which is based on their successful "Invisible Employee" workshops. He says he is haunted by the need to reach "Moms

and Dads, students who were sent to incompetent therapists, teachers, librarians, and others who need support."

"I want to get things done," he says. "I have low tolerance for endless meetings and discussions that go nowhere. We can strangle on political correctness, and there are organizations that have become non-functional because of ridiculous gender rules. I've disconnected, the movement has to grow or die, I don't own it – just give me an assignment and I'll do it."

"My philosophy is that if the movement is viable it has to be self-regenerating," he told the B.A.R. "The people who were there in the beginning have to step aside... Still, if I didn't have a kid and a back problems..."

"He was a role model for me," Hoover says. "He became a primary parent for Piper and continues to take responsibility for that young woman and, seeing that, I was able to keep my relationship with my daughters viable also."

"His whole life is a focus for good. He was gay long before it was safe. The risks he took – the contributions he made – to make people's lives infinitely different than they would have been had he not been there – are incredible." ▼

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Raid

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Gays versus police?

Political reaction to the raid was immediate and furious.

Members of the board of supervisors, including supervisors Terence Hallinan, Susan Leal, and Tom Ammiano, have called for a board hearing of the complaints. "I am very disturbed by reports of verbal harassment and excessive force by police," said Leal.

Gay and lesbian activists, like police abuse watchdog Gerard Koskovich, say the raid is the worst "human rights outrage" against the lesbian and gay community since the October 6, 1989 police sweep of the Castro.

The police see things differently.

"What concerns me is the perception that this is a gay-versus-police issue. At this time I don't believe that it is," Ribera said.

Police say they didn't know the party was a gay event, but were simply responding to a call, and treated the incident like any other routine police action involving an illegal SOMA nightclub.

Activists are advising eyewitnesses and complainants to contact organizers and the Office of Citizen Complaints, and not to cooperate with the police internal affairs investigation.

Organizers of the party, and people who were arrested there, will hold a press conference to detail their charges against the police this morning, January 5, at 11 a.m. on the steps of City Hall. They will also speak during public comment portions of the San Francisco Police Commission's January 11 meeting. ▼

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A kiss is still a kiss: Two celebrants ring in the New Year right in front of the Castro Walgreen's.



Photo: Phil Migliarese Jr.

Hamilton hash: Members of gay Alexander Hamilton Post 448, (left to right) Tony Benfield, Ray Vicker-Traft and Bob Lowary, loaded up their plates at the group's annual potluck dinner Dec. 15.



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Dr. Jeffrey Mello (left) doles out goodies at the AIDS Emergency Fund's Christmas Eve dinner.

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Hoopla



Let the countdown begin: 1995 got off to a rollicking start, at least at the cross-roads of Gay Mecca.

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Fun costumes and voguing without even trying spiced up the Visual Aid benefit on New Year's Eve before the boys in blue proved to be party poopers.

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San Francisco's Stonewall

by Mary Ann Swissler

What the San Francisco police saw as a routine bust at a New Year's Day costume ball later turned into a Valentine's Day present for gays everywhere.

Once inside the courtroom, the case made history. The ACLU defended Mrs. Nancy May and three gay attorneys, Elliott Leighton, Herbert Donaldson and Evander Smith, on the outrageous but routine charges often faced by gays and lesbians — obstructing a police officer in the course of his duties. On February 11, 1965, Municipal Court Judge Leo Friedman not only instructed the jury to bring in an acquittal, but ordered the confiscation of police department photos taken of ballgoers, including the negatives.

PART II

Publicly, anyway, police harassment was stopped and politicians started communicating with a new-found voting bloc. Things would never be the same.

Herb Donaldson, one of the attorneys taken into custody after informing undercover officers that the Mardi Gras costume ball was a private party for charity, described Friedman "as a great man who did the right thing." Donaldson remembered the trial as a worldwide media event that spotlighted San Francisco.

"It's best to look at this as a seamless piece of cloth in which one event happens and then another, all of which gave us more and more rights," Donaldson recently observed.

Recalled B.A.R. publisher Bob Ross, who booked the hall, "It invigorated a section of the community." The city chipped in \$25,000 towards this end, as a gesture of support. The Society for Individual Rights set up a legal referral board and an employment agency for over a year.

Upon victory, Donaldson said, they filed a lawsuit against the city, but decided to drop it. "We didn't do it for the money. We did it to put the police on the defense. The city, of course, had to begin to be careful on how they handled us," he said.

"It knocked the power out of the Sex Detail of the police department," and established police officer Elliott Blackstone as liaison to the gay community, recalled Donaldson. Thereafter, you could advertise gay and lesbian

dances, and instead of getting thrown in a police van, the department helped with permits and traffic control. (The engines of change didn't start overnight, as evidenced by a list of eight hotels published in a January 1973 issue of the B.A.R., hotels that were cooperating with police efforts to arrest gays and lesbians checking into rooms together.)

Another police tactic that backfired, said Donaldson, included an announcement that 70,000 gay people lived in the city of San Francisco, in order to scare the public. "The fact that they released the statistics impressed the politicians," he explained.

Politicians, including then-aspiring Dianne Feinstein, courted the new political bloc. Feinstein, once elected San Francisco Supervisor, appointed

openly gay assistant Peter Nargos, as her aide. "She courted the gay community and the community backed her," said Donaldson. "She recognized us as a legitimate minority."

The Daughters of Bilitis faded away when the national group disbanded, but the work of their founders Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon went on. Martin wrote *Lesbian/Woman* in 1972, and with her 1981 book, *The Battered Wife*, Martin tilled the soil for the domestic violence victims movement. The Martin-Lyon Medical Clinic, devoted specifically to treating lesbians, opened for Bay Area women in 1980. ▼

—Research compiled from interviews and records at the San Francisco Gay & Lesbian Historical Archives.

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Queers in History: Private Influence on Public Lives

by Karen Ocamb

Those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it, the philosopher George Santayana once said. The oft-repeated adage is intended as a warning to mark the moral lessons of history and the perspective history provides to the joys, issues, and calamities of today.

It is a useful phrase. And ironic. Since almost nobody knows Santayana was gay, his place in gay history — our past — has been all but forgotten. Like that of so many others.

But no more: gay people have taken to identifying their own — not just in backstage whispers or gossip over the transom — but online, out in the open, proudly reclaiming queer history so queer youth and terribly closeted elders will not live or die believing they're sick and alone. Santayana is now on a computerized data bank of over 700 lesbians, gays, and bisexuals called "Queers in History," distributed by Quistory Publishing, Inc. and created by CompuCare founder Keith Stern.

The idea for "Queers in History" came to Stern one day as he was perusing *Reader's Digest*, soaking up odd tidbits of information on American history. How the germ of that idea grew into a software distribution company is itself instructive.

"They had a sidebar on Horatio Alger," Stern recalls. Alger was the author of over 120 stories about poor newsboys whose virtue was rewarded with riches. "They were telling how he was kicked out of his hometown of Brewster, Massachusetts for getting a little too familiar with local youth. I knew who Horatio Alger was, but I certainly hadn't heard anything about that. I was very surprised to hear that this very popular writer — almost an American icon — was gay."

"And being a bit of a computer nerd I decided to make a list in the computer to see what I came up with. That night I made a list of about 50 people who I knew were gay. Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci. I was really kind of impressed and seeing it on the computer screen made it have an impact that impressed me. I did a little research and added about 20 more people."

"Then I was really impressed and started to show some of my friends and they thought it was kind of cool, so I continued to do research and read books — pretty soon I had 100 names. Wow — 100 names. But I never thought I could hit 200. And lo and behold, pretty soon I got up to 250 and I took it to Mark Simon at A Different Light Bookstore in Los Angeles and he said, 'Great, let's sell it.'

"Now I have 725 really interesting and important people who were definitely gay, lesbians, or bisexual."

While "Queers in History" may have started out as fact-based fun — he has included a queer *Jeopardy*-type game in the Deluxe Edition — Stern also believes that the program is a great morale builder and self-esteem booster. He has used the program to instruct queer youth at the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, and the troubled kids in group homes run by Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services "love it," he says.

Gays in the Military? Yup.

"Queers in History" also has important scholastic value. "To be fully informed on an issue, you have to know the facts, and the facts have been hidden," Stern says. For instance, any argument about "gays in the military" should take into account that "thirty to 40 of the greatest military leaders in the world were gay." Alexander the Great who created an empire. Napoleon Bonaparte who, when he wasn't fawning over Empress Josephine, was enjoying same-sex love with his effeminate aide, whom he dubbed "Mademoiselle Sainte Croix." One aide/lover, Stern says, affectionately referred to Bonaparte as "Her Majesty." T.E. Lawrence — otherwise known as "Lawrence of Arabia" — wrote a book about his desert struggles called "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" which includes, Stern says, frank descriptions of same-sex love among the soldiers and Bedouins. For discipline fans there's Baron von Steuben, who "cracked the whip" over the fledgling Continental Army and helped George Washington win independence from the British during the American Revolution.

And with the conservative Republican takeover of the U.S. Congress, it might be useful to know that one of the country's most astute politicians and the very first Secretary of the Treasury — Alexander Hamilton — was gay, as was the 15th President of the United States, James Buchanan. And while *Hard Copy* and other tabloids speculate about who's gay today, Stern has the scoop on scores of celebrities. Cary Grant, for instance, that epitome of sophistication, was bisexual. But, Stern says in "Queers in History," he was regarded as a gay man by Hollywood — especially after living as a couple with fellow actor Randolph Scott for many years.

"People have a misconception about our capabilities and our accomplishments," says Stern. "The average American thinks we're not qualified to be teachers, soldiers, and leaders. By looking at our history we can prove them wrong and we can prove we deserve a place at the table." ▼

For more information on "Queers in History" call (213) 782-1390.

Can Sex Hormones Increase Body Mass?

DHEA: The Interest is Growing

by Mark Bowers

ACT UP/Golden Gate Writers' Pool

Recent studies have suggested that the use of human growth hormone is an effective strategy to combat HIV-related wasting. Members of the HIV-affected community have begun experimentation with anabolic steroids, testosterone and other synthetic hormones to increase lean body mass. Increased lean body mass is unequivocally associated with survival advantage.

Yet another androgenic sex hormone, dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA), is enjoying a renaissance of attention in alternative and mainstream medical circles, and deserves further investigation to fully understand its usefulness. There are claims that DHEA also augments lean body mass by a mechanism that is not yet understood. For the time being, the immunoendocrinology of DHEA remains somewhat mysterious.

HIV disease changes the amounts of several important natural hormones that circulate through the bloodstream and perform various vital metabolic tasks. It is known that glucocorticoids are increased in HIV disease. In addition to their endocrine function, glucocorticoids are the anti-inflammatory steroids that the body produces in response to some tissue irritation. Part of the immunosuppressive effects of glucocorticoids are brought about by direct interference with the production of IL-2 (T-cell growth factor). DHEA is decreased in HIV disease, and it is also progressively decreased as people grow older, or when certain drugs are given to deliberately dampen their immune system before a transplant operation. Since glucocorticoids are known to be immunosuppressive, it is possible that their increase is responsible for some of the immune impairment seen in HIV disease.

IL-2 is an important component of cell-mediated immunity. IL-2 has been approved by the FDA as a cancer therapy, and is available commercially. Some local physicians have looked closely at the experimental clinical data from studies of IL-2, and now offer IL-2 infusions in their offices. There are significant side effects to IL-2: some compare these effects to the worst flu they could ever imagine. It is clear that IL-2 is needed locally in some tissues of the body for proper activation of T-cells, and that an overabundance of IL-2 in other tissues brings on the side effects – nausea, vomiting, chronic fatigue, fever, and chills. There is some evidence that DHEA may increase the production of IL-2 in a natural, controlled fashion, in those tissues and organs where it is needed. There appears to be no clinical study evidence of dramatic side effects to oral DHEA, which would imply that an overabundance of IL-2 is not being created.

Both testosterone and DHEA are called pre-hormones, which means that they are converted into biologically active sex steroids when they reach target tissues. These biologically active steroids include androgens and estrogens; men and women normally make both kinds of sex steroids – it is the relative proportions that differ between the sexes. The products of testosterone are well known. At least one effect of dehydrotestosterone (one product of testosterone metabolism) is increased lean body mass. The metabolites and products of DHEA are still the subject of continuing investigations.

DHEA is produced in the adrenal glands and is by far the most abundantly produced hormone of the adrenal glands. Investigations of what happens to DHEA once it is made and released indicate that much of it ends up in the thymus, spleen, and peripheral lymph nodes – the major organs of the immune system. Researchers are beginning to put together a picture of DHEA in these organs that may hold some promise for future immunobased therapies in cancer and AIDS.

A study four years ago in San Francisco looked at the antiviral effects of oral DHEA sulfate on HIV-infected individuals. Building on previous test tube and animal research results that indicate that DHEA has a role in decreasing the risk of cancer and inhibiting viral expression, a team of local researchers, including Drs. Mark Jacobs, Toby Dyner, and Bill Lang, measured CD4 counts, beta 2 Microglobulin, and neopterin levels in patients who took oral

DHEA. Lang comments that the results of the study were not wildly exciting, but cautions that no definitive answers about the future role of DHEA came out of the study. "Remember that the current standards of viral load measurement did not exist at that time," he said. "We were looking for an antiviral effect, and didn't see much, but there could well be a role for DHEA in immune reconstitution, especially in the light of recent animal research."

Immunologists and endocrinologists now suspect that a crucial role for DHEA is in the education of T-cells in the thymus, which is where T-cells all must go to learn to recognize antigens (foreign organisms). Daynes, Dudley, and Aranoe at the University of Utah have theorized, based on evidence from mice studies, that immature thymic T-cells may be selected for programmed cell death (self-elimination) when they first encounter another hormone, glucocorticoid. There are abundant antigens and an oversupply of glucocorticoids present in HIV disease. Daynes and his colleagues argue that DHEA may protect immature thymic T-cells from these lethal encounters.

A second and encouraging line of investigation of the effects of DHEA in mice shows that when mice are given extra DHEA they also make more IL-2 (also called T-cell growth factor) than ones who get no supplementation. The same researchers at the University of Utah also find that the lymph nodes and spleen are the sites where there is a lot of the specific enzyme that converts DHEA sulfate (the kind found in the blood) into active hormone, suggesting that these are important sites of communication between the endocrine and immune systems.

Another line of inquiry regarding DHEA centers on its purported ability to keep HIV-infected cells from producing more virus. Often, cells that are infected with HIV remain in a latent state, and only destroy the host cell and release more HIV when they are activated. Yang, Swartz, and Henderson at Temple University School of Medicine have shown that DHEA has an effect on HIV-infected cells that reduces latency reactivation – keeps the infected cells quiet. They are still looking to see how DHEA performs this feat.

Matt Sharp, Director of Healing Alternatives Foundation in San Francisco, says that DHEA is currently one of the fastest selling items that the Foundation carries. "There is a lot of interest in DHEA from HIV-negative people, because they have heard of the anti-cancer and anti-aging effects that are attributed to the drug. DHEA was listed in the *Smart Drug and Nutrient Handbook*, and many people think of DHEA as an affordable 'smart' drug. And HIV-positive people are buying it because they think that it metabolizes into testosterone after they take it." Endocrinologists caution that too much testosterone can be immunosuppressive.

Does DHEA really become testosterone? Will it help build lean body mass as testosterone does? Dr. Karen Eisenhauer, a reproductive endocrinologist at Stanford Medical School remarks, "DHEA could metabolize to become testosterone, and it would bind to testosterone receptors if you gave it at a high enough dose. It could then potentially help increase body mass." She is quick to observe that there is no clinical evidence that this happens.

ACT UP/Golden Gate neither condones nor condemns the use of oral DHEA supplementation. Claims that the hormone is an anti-obesity agent, an anti-aging wonder drug, or an aphrodisiac cannot be corroborated given the current clinical evidence. Many drugs may eventually prove useful to counteract the ravages of HIV disease, and DHEA may prove to be one of them. More clinical research needs to be done before anyone can be sure. In the meanwhile, it is the individual responsibility of each of us to fairly weigh all the evidence for any experimental or alternative therapy before we make a decision to include it in our personal health care regimes. ▼

ACT UP GOLDEN GATE meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Mobilization Against AIDS, located at 584B Castro Street in San Francisco. For more information, phone (415) 252-9200.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas M. Durham

June 28, 1943 - Dec. 28, 1994

Tom passed away peacefully at a local hospital. He was born in San Francisco; the city he always loved.

Tom's joys were running, bicycling and square dancing. He was an avid reader, a great cook and loved gardening. He spent many hours perfecting his Spanish and German in anticipation of his long-planned 1995 trip to Europe.

Tom will be greatly missed by his family and many caring friends. He is survived by his mother, Betty Carson; his sister, Anne Aschbrenner; his brother, Henry Durham; and nine nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, January 7, at 2 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka Street, San Francisco. A potluck will follow the service. ▼



Richard Allen Whinery

December 20, 1994

Rick, 34, of Guerneville passed away at the Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital on December 20 at 4:55 p.m. of AIDS complications. His lover, Steve Gustafson, and sister, Virea Mitchell, were at his side.

Rick moved from Fresno to San Francisco in 1988 when he retired (due to illness) from the military. In 1991 Rick, Steve and their beloved dog, Susie, moved to Guerneville to live a quiet life and enjoy nature. Rick worked part-time at the Highlands Resort as front desk manager until 1993.

Donations in Rick's name can be sent to: PALS (Pets Are Loving Support), P.O. Box 1539, Guerneville, CA 95446.

Rick was laid to rest at the old Guerneville Cemetery. ▼



Porter Mortell

July 19, 1956 - Dec. 29, 1994

Porter died in the same way he lived: with dignity and surrounded by love. Born in Fairfield, Conn., he excelled in sports, winning medals in both swimming and cross-country running while in school. He graduated from Salford Academy in 1974 and then Brown University in 1978 with a degree in history. While in Boston he typeset the *Gay Community News*. He moved to San Francisco in 1981 and was never bored again.

Porter was a special man: he believed in saving the manatee; he was proud of his voting record (having never missed an election); he had a huge record collection, a gigantic comic book collection and the largest Garbage Pail Kids collection on the West Coast. He loved the music of Luther Vandross; *Perry Mason*; the game *Cars*; and his friends, Rick, Mary and Kent. He was smart, witty, handsome and thoughtful; he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his father, Paul; his brother, Bennett; his sister, Maggie; and his lover, Kelly; as well as many loving friends. A memorial will be held Sunday, January 8, at 3 p.m. at 214 Coleridge. ▼



Keith Berryman

Aug. 2, 1955 - Nov. 19, 1994

Keith passed away on November 19, surrounded by loved ones comforting him as he drifted from his body into the light.

Keith is survived by his father, Allie; sisters, Trish, Eva and Sharon; brothers, Vernon, Gerald, Mark and Martin; grandparents, John and Susan; his dog, Chloe; and many friends.

Keith's sense of humor, contagious laugh and ability to tell a great story endeared him to his friends and family. His talent as a chef brought him to Events Etc., Taste Catering and Southern Pacific, where he contributed significantly to the style and success of these companies. Few could whip up a batch of fresh biscuits or turn out countless jars of chutney better than Keith.

We will all miss Keith's warmth, friendliness and gentle spirit, and bless him in his journey to a more peaceful place. ▼



Steven E. Nelson

June 14, 1962 - Dec. 23, 1994

Steve Nelson passed away late in the night on December 23 at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento after a six-month battle with AIDS-related lymphoma.

Steve was born in Oregon, but grew up in San Jose, Calif., Montana and Alaska. In high school in Alaska, Steve took up computer programming, which quickly led to a job at UC Davis, where at the same time he earned his bachelor's degree.

Steve was a genius at computer programming, which remained his profession throughout his life. He worked as a consultant, most recently locally for Hewlett-Packard and Marine Terminals. His consulting work allowed him great flexibility; he worked in San Francisco, Sydney, Atlanta, Washington, D.C.; and other cities.

In between jobs he traveled, often to Australia or Holland. He liked spending time outdoors, camping, sailing or riding his motorcycle. He recently rode his motorcycle cross-country. He was also quite talented with musical instruments.

Steve had an ability to learn quickly anything he wanted to. An incredibly easygoing, relaxed, independent and soft-spoken person, he always did what he wanted and tried to enjoy each day to the fullest. He will be missed by friends around the world. ▼



Paul (Ka-boom!) Yunt

Nov. 15, 1953 - Nov. 16, 1994

Paul succumbed to pneumocystis on November 16 in the tender care of the Davies Medical Center, surrounded by friends.

Among the loves of his life were the SF Opera, the SF Symphony, high explosives and pink gin. His wit, occasional charm and enjoyment of political debate are irreplacable.

A memorial service was attended by numerous friends and colleagues on November 19. His family and friends would like to thank those who remembered Paul in their expressions of sympathy and by donating to our community programs. ▼



KONSTANTIN BERLANDT

March 6, 1946 - December 27, 1994

Berkeley-schooled journalist and liberationist of the Gay Left whose flawed genius heard the innermost cries of the heart, transcribing them into the unclichéd eloquence of truth. A privileged collaborator, schooled earlier and southward 'cross the Bay before immigrating

into this magical city of your birth and death, pays tribute with the conviction that your messages of freedom, flowering from the '60's into the '80's, will resonate long after the doggerel of your detractors has been forgotten. Your vision shall prevail, Konnie. Shalom.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

Japanese Look at Stress, "Risk of Impotence"

TOKYO - A Japanese researcher has used rodents to make a point about stress and impotence: that as one rises or falls, so does the other.

"We can see the risk of impotence is growing in modern man with stress deepening from work and other factors in competitive society," said Hiroyuki Yoshimura, an associate professor of medicine at Ehime University, 390 miles (620 km) southwest of Tokyo.

Yoshimura conducted experiments for five days on ten male mice, to see how stress affects their sexual activities. He put a male mouse into a cage with a male and female rodent, both of which were already in heat, and said their behavior indicated that the resulting struggle for dominance between the male mice was like stress in human society.

Before the experiments all the male mice mated with the female mice. But after the fighting in the cage, an average of fewer did - and the average times and duration of their sexual activities decreased as well.

Impotence is generally attributed to stress arising from a man's emotional and mental conflicts, so there are some doubts about the validity of using mice to examine the problem.

Ethiopians Look at HIVs' Differences

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA - An \$8.1-million AIDS research center opened here December 22, financed by the Dutch government. The center will

study epidemiological differences between the strain of HIV that is common in Africa and strains in Europe and the United States.

Because of those differences, the Netherlands embassy said, any possible treatment for AIDS developed in the United States or Europe might be poorly adapted for Africa.

South Africans Look at HIV-Positive Artwork

JOHANNESBURG - South African Anglican Archbishop and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu defended a decision by his church to display a controversial painting depicting Jesus as a person with AIDS, the *Star* newspaper reported Wednesday, December 21.

According to Tutu's spokesman John Allen, the archbishop believed the painting by HIV-positive American artist Maxwell Lawton challenged people to think about their faith and their conception of Jesus.

Not everyone supports Tutu's positive view: some people have threatened to destroy the painting, depicting a lesion-ridden Jesus supported by intravenous drips and oxygen tube attached to his nose, which hangs in St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town, claiming that it is blasphemous.

Allen said Tutu believed the painting showed that the church welcomed everyone, no matter what their situation.

"He feels that victims of AIDS should be welcomed into the church and not isolated and excluded," Allen told the newspaper.

- Patrick Collings

Russians Look at HIV-Positive Foreigners

MOSCOW - Russian President Boris Yeltsin vetoed a controversial bill requiring AIDS testing for all foreigners in Russia, the English language *Moscow Times* said Thursday, December 22.

A member of the Russian parliament's Healthcare Committee told the paper he had a written statement from Yeltsin in which the president said the bill was unacceptable and would have to be redrafted.

"He vetoed it," Leonid Kogan said of the bill, whose approval by Yeltsin would give Russia the strictest HIV immigration law in the world. "I got a document from the president saying it could not be accepted in its present form."

A Yeltsin spokesman would not confirm the report when contacted by United Press International, but activists and healthcare officials were already forming a committee to draw up a softer version of the bill.

"People are already working on changing the law project," said Marina Nikitina, coordinator of youth activities at AESOP, an AIDS prevention and information center in Moscow. "So we are confident."

The bill, passed by parliament last month, drew severe criticism from activists, who charged it violates human rights, and from Russian healthcare officials, many of whom said enforcement would be difficult and prohibitive.

Passage of the bill by the State Duma, Russia's lower house of parlia-

ment, also shocked Russia's foreign community, which joined a minority of legislators in saying the law would sound a death knell for foreign business and investment in Russia as well as sinking the nation's struggling tourism industry.

Kogan told the *Moscow Times* that Yeltsin's main objection was to a clause requiring HIV antibody testing for all foreigners staying in Russia or planning to visit there for any purpose or length of time.

It would require foreigners to undergo the test in Russia, unless their nation's government had a special arrangement with Moscow allowing results of testing in the home country to be acceptable.

Many Russians blame foreigners for bringing AIDS to their country. They feel the Iron Curtain during the Soviet era gave them a degree of protection from outside influence.

"Yeltsin doesn't want to advertise the fact that he vetoed this bill," AESOP director Kevin Gardner said in explanation of the president's silence on the matter. "He's just trying to do it as quietly as possible, to introduce changes that will make it less offensive, and then he will sign it."

Gardner said it was likely the revised version would require mandatory testing for foreigners coming to Russia for a certain period of time, perhaps one year.

A law leftover from Soviet rule requires testing for foreigners who plan to spend more than three months in Russia, but it is rarely enforced.

Fewer than 1,000 people in Russia are registered as HIV-positive, but unofficial estimates of the spread of AIDS are much higher. ▼

OBITUARIES

John Eric Teamer

April 26, 1941 - Dec. 21, 1994



John is survived by Michael Foo, his loving companion of 12 years; his parents, John Teamer and Leontine Lynam; brothers, Charles and Sam; sister, Joy Sue; and his many nephews, nieces and friends.

Most recently John served diligently as the National Association of Black & White Men Together co-chair, National Task Force on AIDS Prevention (NTFAP) first board chair and Black Coalition on AIDS (BCA) board member.

John was a founding member of the Gay-Lesbian Tennis Federation - an activity he pursued with great passion - and Black & White Men Together. Some of his many other affiliations were the U.S. Peace Corps, SFAF AIDS hotline, KWIC-FAN acting director, GLAAD, LGADDA, and ACLU-Northern California.

Memorial services will be held January 14 at the Columbarium (behind the Coronet Theatre), 1 Lorraine Court (Anza and Stanyan), 1:00-2:30 p.m. Please dress warmly. In lieu of flowers, send donations to NTFAP or BCA. ▼

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IN MEMORY

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Staying Alive in '95

by Michael C. Botkin

Let's face it: 1994 was a pisser. For many on the globe, such as Rwandans, residents of Sarajevo and PWAs anywhere, just being able to say "I survived it" is something of an accomplishment. (I'll bet the Democratic Party wishes it could say the same!) Goddess willing we'll be able to say the same at the end of next year. My main goal for the coming year can be summarized in this short motto: "Staying alive in '95!"

It may not seem a very ambitious goal, but at least it presumes that staying alive is both desirable and possible — PWAs don't take such things for granted. Despite a general lack of progress in research on treating AIDS, a continued deterioration of the social fabric, and a rising tide of fascism at home and abroad, I hope to make it through another year.

PWAs with T-cell counts lower than the average Republican's IQ have had a dismal year of news watching. The big drug companies tried to work up some hype around "combo" therapies, but even their own flaks lacked conviction (for example, with the recent heavy-handed attempts to pretend enthusiasm for 3TC, the last and least of the nucleoside analogs or "nukes").

HIVers can now mix 'n' match no less than five nukes

(AZT, DDI, DDC, D4T and 3TC). Unfortunately, no matter how you combine or sequence them, the virus eventually mutates into a resistant form, and then the toxic side effects begin to outweigh the limited and transient benefits. This is why there is still no evidence that the anti-virals actually prolong survival.

By varying my combo and switching to the latest nukes when they become available, I've managed to string along this far, but I've run out of nukes to try. When I burn out on D4T, I don't know where I'll turn.

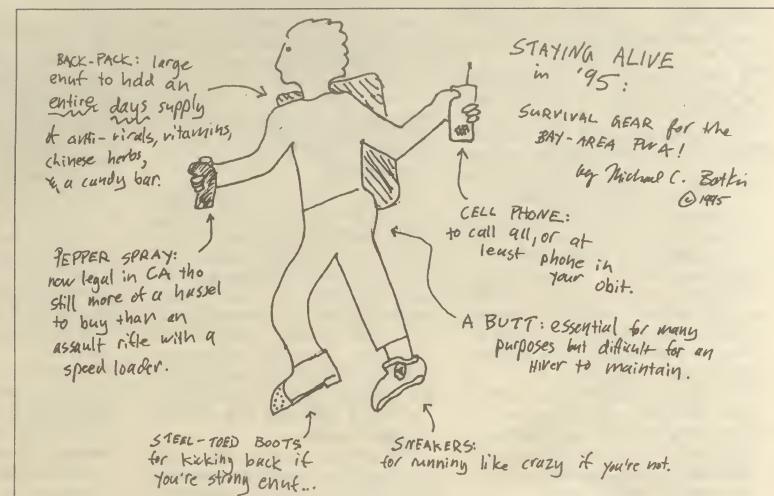
The second generation of anti-virals, protease inhibitors, has garnered only mixed reviews so far. Nobody talks

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about compound Q anymore; the first wave of vaccines flopped; and the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG), the feeble and futile federal attempt to coordinate AIDS treatment research, is being phased out.

What gives me — and other HIVers — hope are some promising developments in gene and hormone therapy. Although these don't appear to directly attack the virus, they can make the body less vulnerable to its effects.

I've seen friends on human growth hormone gain 20 pounds



in a month, all of it muscle (instead of the couple of pounds of fat that megace can add). Now that's a prospect that makes survival seem not only possible but also eminently enjoyable.

Illusion of safety

Which brings me to another aspect of survival: staying alive on the streets in the face of a hostile world. If I had 20 more pounds of muscle on me, the basher who kicked my side in last month might not have tried it, or I might have been able to

better defend myself. It's no fun being a 130-lb. weakling, a tempting prospect for every crack-crazed bully in the hood.

I didn't feel safe in the Castro anymore, so I stuck around home more; now I realize that my own neighborhood isn't as safe as I'd believed. I figured the world was going to hell in a hand basket, but I really just wanted to retreat into my little hidey-hole on the hill and make sarcastic comments while the whole shebang collapsed.

My bashing reminded me that you can't simply lock the door and ignore everything that happens on the other side. This only produces the illusion of safety, and if you want more than that, you have to take some responsibility for the world around you.

For your house to be safe, your street must be safe — nor can your district be safe if the city is not. Pulling into your shell is really nothing more than sticking your head in the ground, ostrich-like, and ignoring danger.

Although I was feeling too old, weak and tired to do much "activism," I now realize that staying alive demands it. The best treatments for AIDS don't come up and bite you on the ankle; you have to fight for them. Sitting around and hoping that the police will protect you is just an excuse for inactivity; safety requires significantly more active effort, like organizing a neighborhood patrol (my next project) or working to establish an independent police review board (my next crusade).

All I want for Christmas

Financial solvency, alas, has moved down on the list of possible goals. My partner, horrified by my bashing and jolted out of three decades of pacifism, went into a minor frenzy of safety-oriented buying.

I don't know what you got for solstice, but I got pepper spray (and the legal certification necessary to use it), a cell phone (for calling 911 in an emergency) and a shotgun — though I have to wait a bit for that, as there's a 15-day waiting period to buy guns. This doesn't apply to "collector's items," like an Uzi or a Browning automatic rifle, so if you're in a hurry and don't have the hour necessary to do the mace training, you can just plunk down the cash for a weapon of mass destruction and

walk out with it.

These toys aren't cheap. I balked at the expense at first, explaining to my partner that I took a certain amount of pride in our being a single-bankruptcy household and hated to see him following me down the road to Chapter Seven. The only people offering me credit these days are Paul's Diamond Center and Ramm's furniture stores — purveyors of merchandise which no self-respecting faggot would ever display.

He bluntly answered that his good credit rating didn't mean shit to him if he — and I — weren't alive to enjoy it. It's impossible to refute such a direct statement. If the primary goal is staying alive, you bite the bullet — and then load it into the gun. When a vindictive basher shows up at your door, yelling "I have a sterling credit record!" will probably do little to deter him, but the quiet yet distinct "ca-chunk" of a round being pumped into a chamber may do the trick.

(At least I dissuaded him from relapsing into smoking. Our current agreement is that he's allowed to resume cigarettes, without nagging or complaints from me, when a close family member or friend dies or when I get a major opportunistic infection. "If you also relapse each time one of us gets bashed," I argued, "we'll never get as much as six smokeless weeks in a row." I appealed to his frugal Scots nature, and reminded him how much this addiction costs. Finally I declared that it would be one more secondary impact from the bashing, a long-range continuation of the damage. Why let him hurt us this way, too? The best revenge is a good life, and the goodness of life tends to be inversely proportional to the amount of tobacco smoke in it. So far he's managed to hold the line.)

He did make a point of getting a firearm that's specially designed for the elderly and not-too-butcher. I'm not sure what this amounts to, other than extra shoulder padding to reduce recoil. Maybe it includes a special mounting for deployment on one of those four-legged walkers. ("Freeze, sonny!")

Well, to quote a one-time U.S. Olympic slogan: "Whatever it takes!" Staying alive nowadays is neither cheap nor easy, but at least it's possible — I hope. ▼



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Coming out support group for men: meets Tues., 6pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. Men of all ages welcome, no fee. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman, PhD. Info: 626-7000.

Continuum HIV Day Services: an adult day health care facility for people with disabling HIV disease, located in the Tenderloin. Call 241-5500.

Deaf AIDS Center at UCSF: Center on Deafness offers services to those with HIV experiencing hearing loss or deafness. Counseling, resources, practical support. Interpreting services and assisting devices on loan. 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

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HIV/AIDS Services at Operation Concern: Ongoing support groups, individual and couples counseling, drop-in groups every week. Issues for HIV- men, men with AIDS/ARC, partners and survivors. For information/intake, call Jill, 626-7000 x199. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St.

Housing and Client Assistance Program for PWAs: provides emergency housing and financial help to residents of San Mateo Co. Mental Health Assn. of San Mateo Co.: 368-9989.

Immune Enhancement Project: treats persons with HIV-related illness using a program of traditional Chinese medicine and herbal supplements. Info: 252-8711.

Iris Center: Women's counseling and recovery services for women with HIV, no/low fee. 333 Valencia St. Info: 864-2364.

Kaiser Permanente Hospice: seeks volunteers to help with terminally ill patients. 9-week training begins Jan. 11. 4131 Geary Blvd. Call Richard McLoughlin, 202-3173.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women's Rap Group: Open to women of all ages, drop in every Tues., 7pm, except first Tues. of each month. Spectrum, Center for

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National Association of People With AIDS Fax is a fax-on-demand system which provides free and up-to-date information on HIV funding, grants, insurance, benefits, legal issues and more. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NAPWA FAX: 202-789-2222.

National Association for Visually Handicapped helps people with partial eyesight by supplying visual aids, a free service for SF residents who are HIV+ and losing eyesight. Call for appt.: 221-3201.

Neg.Menz: Support group for Asian and Pacific Islander HIV- men, free. Sundays in Jan., 3-5pm. GAPA Community HIV Project, 1841 Market St. Info: Rafael, 575-3939 x323.

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tion.

The employee who told another co-worker that she planned to damage Eliason's truck by scratching the word faggot on it has not been terminated or disciplined by the *Mercury News* for the incident, despite her admission that she made the statement of intent.

No criminal hate crime or assault charges were filed against the employee either, according to Eliason's attorney Steven McNichols.

And, despite the fact that a psychologist declared that Eliason was temporarily disabled because of the stress from the anti-gay incidents, the *Mercury News* refused to extend Eliason's sick time to cover the disability.

"He's been through a terrible ordeal. He has suffered real stress," McNichols said.

McNichols said that Eliason had also unsuccessfully attempted to remedy the situation by asking that the *Mercury News* hold in-service AIDS awareness and sensitivity training for department workers.

Hired by the newspaper as a carrier in 1984, Eliason worked his way up from a carrier position to a management position with the paper. He began documenting the anti-gay job bias in 1989, when he wrote a memo complaining that he was being damaged by the rumors concerning his sexual orientation.

According to the lawsuit, Eliason considered his sexual orientation a private matter and said that he was involuntarily outed on the worksite by anti-

gay co-workers and then constantly harassed.

The lawsuit also charges that when Eliason began reporting the anti-gay harassment from other *San Jose Mercury News* employees, he began to receive poor work performance evaluations from supervisors.

At one point, Eliason, a conservative Republican who comes from a devout Baptist background, wrote a personal letter complaining of the harassment to Tony Ridder, President of Knight-Ridder, Inc.

"I have reason to believe that I have been singled out because of my sexual orientation. I have a number of questions that remain unanswered," he wrote Ridder.

In his letter Eliason said that he had been forced to file three sexual orientation harassment charges against two co-workers and had been the subject of constant anti-gay jokes and other harassment since he had been outed by a co-worker in 1989.

Eliason told Ridder that he believed the reason for his poor work performance was because of the anti-gay harassment.

Ridder wrote back saying that he had been assured the six negative work evaluations that Eliason received were not because of sexual orientation and "that there seems to be no reason to think bias has affected the evaluation."

Causes of action in the lawsuit include sexual orientation discrimination, defamation, invasion of privacy, breach of employment contract and negligence. ▼

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Nazi, Queer, Architect: The Legacy of Philip Johnson

Philip Johnson
by Franz Schulze; Knopf, \$30

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As a young man, Philip Johnson was invited by the German Propaganda Ministry to follow the Wehrmacht invasion of Poland in 1939. Johnson wrote home to say, "We saw Warsaw burn and Modlin being bombed. It was a stirring spectacle." Earlier that year, in a published article on Hitler's autobiographical *Mein Kampf*, Johnson wrote, "Reduced to plain terms, Hitler's 'racism' is a perfectly simple though far-reaching idea. It is the myth of 'we, the best,' which we find, more or less fully developed, in all vigorous cultures." Unfortunately, Johnson didn't realize that "we the best" meant gas the rest.

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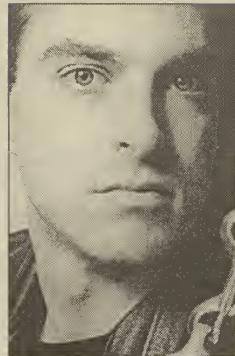
OUT THERE

by Aiva Nidnacs
and Polly Popular

Making fun of Americans is a year-round sport for British people (along with public drunkenness, chain smoking, soccer hooliganism and sounding like Princess Anne). England's *Express* newspaper even devotes a daily page to it, dubbed "Eye on America," authored by Peter Hitchens. The following is from the December 3 edition: "Everyone in America is classified by race, sex, generation and 'sexual orientation.' This is creating a country in which nobody ever meets anyone who isn't just like them." No, Peter, it's just creating a country in which nobody ever has to meet anyone bigoted and stupid like you.

But Hitchens persists: "The first retirement community for homosexuals is now being planned among the orange groves of Florida. This strikes me as very strange. I know that sex doesn't end at 60, but once they enter the world of hip replacements and Zimmer frames, do people want to be defined just by what they do in bed?" We don't know, Peter, but why don't you ask **HRH Prince Philip**?

Sod 'Em, And Gomorrah: Another British obsession is with religion. After all, this is a country where the biggest and most active gay organization is the Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement. While the tabloids make themselves dizzy chasing pervert priest stories, the more serious papers run features like *The Guardian's* recent "True Confessions," in which white guys in dog collars debate the gin-and-sin side of holy life. Here's **Father Liam** (not his real name): "Catholicism is one of the biggest gay conspiracies around. Many of the great artists



Nayland Blake
Photo: Marc Geller



Tony Kushner



Robert Altman



Eleanor Roosevelt

of the Renaissance were homosexual: Michelangelo, Bernini, Donatello, Caravaggio."

Classical celibacy means you can't even wank ... I think celibacy is a holy and good thing," Liam continues, "but very few men and women are called to it." Certainly, no one we know in San Francisco would qualify. "My own view is that every gay priest should be able to live with his partner. If the world were sane, this would be the case. It's not just a question of being nice to lesbian and gay people. You've got to give them permission to disagree with the church." Right on, Father Liam, and as soon as you start using your real name, we'll catch the next Virgin flight to Rome and join you on the picket line outside the Vatican.

Tweedy, eccentric actor Stephen Fry also thinks celibacy is holy and good. (He played the nervous nelly in *Peter's Friends*.) Interviewed in *The Advocate*, Fry does admit, however, to craving a certain physical contact. "One misses the silly, quiet, tactile things, like not having someone's hair to run your fingers through while watching TV."

Closer to home, Berkeley's Pacific Film Archive is preparing for the opening of *In a Different Light*, an ambitious multimedia show curated by Larry Rindler and Nayland Blake (now there's someone whose hair we'd like to run our fingers through). *In a Different Light* is the first American major museum exhibition to consider

the interaction between queer culture and mainstream culture — perhaps it will even answer that age-old question: Which came first, *The Weather Girls* or *Bananarama*?

Talking of queer culture, those of you who — like us — never want to hear anything by Benedictine Monks ever again, might want to start the new year with *Keep The Fire Burnin'*, a posthumous Dan Hartman greatest hits album. Hartman, who died of AIDS in 1994, gave the world *Instant Replay*, a song which is mysteriously missing from all the recent retro movie soundtracks.

Kung Fu Femmes: Hong Kong action pictures are definitely on this year's "In" list. Those adventurous, ahead-of-the-pack dykes who go to the movies in Chinatown will soon be seeing *Executioners*, the sequel to last year's hit, *The Heroic Trio*. Everyone else will have to wait for UC Berkeley's next Hong Kong Film Festival. Michelle Khan, Maggie Cheung and Anita Mui star as a post-apocalyptic, leather-clad feminist threesome battling a disfigured madman for control of the earth's last remaining water supply. Sounds like Susan Leal, Carole Migden and Tom Ammiano vs. Frank Jordan.

And Maybe Roy Cohn Can Wear a Really, Really Big Hat: Teeny Tony Kushner and tiresome Robert Altman are having a hard time adapting *Angels in America* for the screen, according to a conversation reported in *The New Yorker*. Says Altman to Kushner, "The problem we face is that your play used so many cinematic antecedents ... You had cross-cutting — people talking at the same time. You know — it's cinema." No, Bobby, people talk-

ing at the same time is real life. People making badly-improvised jokes about dog shit and the French fashion industry — now, that's cinema.

But What About Literature?: Hell, we wouldn't know. If the British were looking for more evidence of Americans' lack of *savoir faire*, abundant evidence was supplied last week with the *Examiner's* list of bestselling books for the week of Dec. 26. Topping the list was television actor/ex-con Tim Allen's *Don't Stand Too Close to a Naked Man*; *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, by Pope John Paul, took second place; and *Couplehood* by Paul Reiser, yet another TV-actor-turned scribe, earned the number five position. Nary a decent tome turned up on this sorry list, the balance of which told us that James Herriot, Dolly Parton, Rosie Daley and Barbara Bush are the writers closest to the hearts of book-buying Americans everywhere.

American animal rights activists can at least find comfort in knowing that Barbara's book, *Barbara Bush: A Memoir*, has sold fewer copies than the much celebrated *Millie* series, which documented the fabulous comings and goings of the Bush family's famous canine. Woof-woof.

San Francisco's modern literati and primitives bid a fond farewell to *Re/Search* and its publisher Andrea Juno (aka A.J.) at a soiree held at Eichelberger's a few weeks ago. *Re/Search* is moving its ink and metal to the rotten Apple.

Spotted rubbing elbows at the do were *Examiner* arts critic David Bonetti, *Future Sex* editor Lisa Palac, S/M master filmmaker Michelle

Handelmann and LA sex-toy artiste **Judie Bamber** (in the intimate company of *High Risk's* Amy Scholder). Conspicuously absent were any of *Re/Search*'s "Angry Women."

What About Al Gore?: Also in *The New Yorker*, Adam Gopnik's recent modern media critique recounts an obscure homo-scandal from the presidential election of 1920. When the Democrats insinuated that Warren G. Harding had black ancestors, Harding's Republicans sought revenge on Franklin D. Roosevelt (then running for vice-president). The racism of the '20s was paired with the homophobia of the time, resulting in the Republicans' counter-charge that FDR was gay!

His previous capacity as assistant secretary of the Navy, FDR had ordered an investigation of homosexual sailors in Newport. Apparently his leniency in dealing with a sailor convicted of sodomy somehow made him suspect. The ensuing investigation led to the shocking *New York Times* headline: "Lay Navy Scandal To F.D. Roosevelt ... Details Are Unprintable." Just as well *Hard Copy* wasn't on the air in the '20s.

And if Eleanor Roosevelt Were Around This Weekend: She'd be hanging out at the newly-made-over Bearded Lady Truckstop/Cafe to see *That Tender Touch*, the first twisted Friday night installment of "Lesbo Flesh and Trash Movie Month," and she'd be back on Saturday night for an evening of *Butch Worship*, featuring readings by Louise "Kitten" Raffkin, Susie "Mommy" Bright and Harriet "Daddy" Poon, among others. We'll see you there. ▼

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In last week's *B.A.R.*, film critic (and prolific porn commentator) Daniel Mangin told you what he thought were the best movies of 1994. The responses to his choices were so interesting that we've decided to ask you, dear readers, to tell us, in the form of a letter, what you think were the best and worst films of 1994 and why. The most articulate responses will be published in the issue of January 19. Due to space limitations, not all the letters will be published.

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'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead'

Rondo Absurdus

by Chad Jones

If Abbott and Costello had ever attempted Shakespeare, the result would have been something like Tom Stoppard's wonderfully inane play *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, which is currently enjoying an incisive, brightly absurdist production by A.C.T. at the Stage Door Theatre.

Written nearly 30 years ago, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* is a bravura comedic take on Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. By taking two minor characters from Shakespeare and making them the main characters in their own drama, Stoppard is able to weave scenes from *Hamlet* through his own musings on life, death, existentialism and theater itself. The world Rosencrantz and Guildenstern inhabit bears more than a passing resemblance to the world created by Samuel Beckett in his classic *Waiting for Godot* — very little happens, and the central players employ a vaudeville-type shtrick to work out their fears of death, find their identities (they've forgotten who is Rosencrantz and who is Guildenstern), and validate their friendship. It's all part of their effort to find purpose and meaning in life.

Where the ennui of Beckett's play becomes quite real for his audience, Stoppard never ceases to entertain. If his characters experience a crisis of boredom or anxiety, they are able to comment on it — a self-reviewing play — thus allowing the audience to enjoy the conceit rather than fall victim to it. What could have been a numbing string of philosophical riffs becomes a tightly constructed, highly engaging series of musings and comedic bits interwoven with scenes in which Shakespeare's moody Dane, his adulterous "uncle father" and "aunt mother," and the rest of their royal court, pop in and out to keep the plot moving.

It's a simple idea, really, taking minor characters from a Renaissance classic and making them the stars of a contemporary play, but Stoppard's show-off skill makes it seem a stroke of genius.

Strong ensemble skills

Director Richard Seyd is keenly aware of Stoppard's rhythm and leads his uniformly excellent cast through its paces with the skill of a seasoned band leader. It helps that Seyd's leading men, Dan Hiatt (Guildenstern) and Ray Porter (Rosencrantz), are excellent comic actors on their own, but together form a duo that brings out the very best of the play.

Costumed alike (by D.F. Draper) and even sporting the same hair color, Hiatt and Porter achieve a true musicality in their performances. In one of Stoppard's typical musings, while one character takes the lead, the other follows in support. Then focus is dexterously shifted from one to the other without missing a beat, and finally the two join together in rhapsodic perfection.

While waiting for the next



Photo: Ken Friedman

Ray Porter and Dan Hiatt in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*.

character to enter the scene, and to overcome their boredom, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern engage in what they call "playing at questions." The object of the game is to fire off a volley of questions at one's opponent until he answers in a statement. Hiatt and Porter invest such energy and skill in this fast-paced game that by its conclusion, the audience interrupts with applause, much to the dismay of the characters, who look scornfully into the audience, their concentration broken. Hiatt and Porter are masterful enough to create the illusion that comedy is easy.

The showiest role in the play (and in this production) is "the player," the leader of the acting troupe our heroes encounter on their way to Elsinore. Jarion Monroe, who is costumed to resemble Shakespeare, attacks this meaty role with relish. "Don't you see?? We're actors," he cries, his voice dripping thespian tragedy. "We're the opposite of people!" With his commanding presence, Monroe deftly leads the five members of his troupe through Stoppard's ironic, satire-laced take on theater's place in the absurdity of life.

As the play winds towards its conclusion (it's all given away in the title), it does lose steam. Stoppard doesn't have quite as many tricks up his sleeve and the eventual bloodbath of the *Hamlet* saga dampens the hilarity a bit. The play's conceit isn't as fresh in the second act as it is in the first, and the ultimate demise of our protagonists seems unfortunate, though it does conclude their existential quandaries.

Stoppard's verbal pyrotechnics and intellectual game playing, in combination with director Seyd and his dynamic cast, skim across the profundities and languish in the absurdities of this play. There is no questioning the entertainment provided

by *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, but there also seems to be grinning

enlightenment. Stoppard's play addresses Hamlet's famous rhetorical question — you know

the one. The answer to which, this play seems to say, is definitely "to be." ▼

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Four Big Girls Stretch Marks

by K Kaufmann

Around the Table, a new comedy revue by Four Big Girls, brought the Seattle-based performance trio (so named because their combined weights divided by two make up a fourth person) back to San Francisco last week for a three-night run at Theater Artaud.

This evening of skits and monologues showcases the substantial (no pun intended) talents of these three very funny African-American lesbians while revealing the limitations of humor rooted in identity-based politics. Like the pantyhose each of the women tries to put on in a series of interconnected vignettes running through the show, the material, while personally empowering for the performers, can only stretch so far.

The girls — aka Heather Clark, Carolyn King and Deb Parks-Satterfield — work out the tangled, and potentially explosive, interface between issues of food, body image, race and sexual preference. It is treacherous territory where humor can easily cut both ways, insidiously reinforcing stereotypes even as it tries to dispel them.

A catalogue of desserts and other high-calorie treats, the show's opening piece, "Temptations," seems only to affirm the myth that fat people have voracious appetites and no will power. This ambivalent attitude toward food and a healthy diet is a recurring theme



Deb Parks-Satterfield, Heather Clark, Charity Harding (no longer with the group) and Carolyn King.

throughout the evening.

In a seductive monologue, "Press Your Button," Parks-Satterfield slams "politically correct" eating and evokes the "powerful juju" of high cholesterol and sugar-filled foods like fried chicken and ice cream. Yet, in one of the show's most poignant and revealing pieces, she rejects the fried pork chops and frustrated love of her mother's kitchen for the stir-fry vegetables and acceptance of her lesbian girlfriend.

Gutsy performances

Around the Table is on more

solid ground, emotionally and artistically, in pieces focusing on the everyday indignities of life in a culture obsessed with an ideal of beauty that is young, white and thin. Here, the Girls show how being able to laugh at oneself can raise awareness about (and defuse) even the most subtle and sensitive issues.

"Dr. Stigman Floyd" takes aim at traditional psychology's not-so-subliminal message that fat women's problems lie in their size and not society's fear of it. In "Flying Bee Pollen," Clark — wonderfully ditzy as a New Age airhead — skillfully

skewers that movement's tokenization of black women as earth mother figures.

Not all the skits are as focused or successful, but any shortcoming are balanced by the women's exuberant and gutsy performances. King sizzles in "Height Weight Proportion," a divinely sensuous, scathing rap on the hypocrisy of fatphobia in the lesbian community. In another series of interrelated skits, "Miss Fat Black America," the women appear on stage in bathing suits, their ample thighs, breasts and bellies scarcely concealed — voluptuous and intriguing — beneath black latex.

One can appreciate and enjoy the performances, yet still find *Around the Table* an oddly dissatisfying evening. Little in the Girls' material challenges the

audience or breaks new ground, so one is left at show's end clapping but wanting more.

Behind the evening's laughter is the depressing truth that our size-phobic society has changed little since the first stirrings of fat liberation over a decade ago. The frustrating result is that articulate and talented performers like Clark, King and Parks-Satterfield have few options for pushing their own boundaries.

By limiting themselves to material rooted in personal politics, Four Big Girls lose the opportunity to break through the barriers our society continues to erect for performers who don't fit Hollywood's demanding and unrealistic physical specifications. These women need more space. ▼



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Lisa Kron Gets Humiliated

New York actress Lisa Kron, one-fifth of the popular performing troupe the Five Lesbian Brothers, will appear at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint Jan. 11-29 in *101 Humiliating Stories*, a deep dive into "the universal experience of humiliation and sharing." Written and performed by Kron, *101 Humiliating Stories* premiered at New York's Performance Space 122, played as part of Lincoln Center's Serious Fun! Festival, and enjoyed a long run at the New York Theatre Workshop. The show has placed her in the ranks of solo performers Spalding Gray, Eric Bogosian and Ann Magnuson. "A master comic eternally poised between ingenuousness and irony." — Ben Brantley, *The New York Times*.

101 Humiliating Stories plays Wed-Sun, Jan. 11-29 8 p.m., (\$12) Josie's, 3583 16th St. Call 861-7933 for tickets and information. ▼

Thompson

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Won't play fags

Diehard *Kids* fans needn't grieve too loudly over the end of the long-running comedy show. A brief live tour is in the works, and a movie deal is being finalized. If the film is a success, the group will likely stick together. If not, they will go their separate ways. Now that the series is over, and the *Kids* are looking toward their futures — together and separately — Thompson is belatedly realizing how damaging it is for a performer to be pigeonholed. And for once, he is not joking.

"The whole gay thing has gotten too out of control, and it's bothering me," he says. "It's hurt my career. I'm not getting the offers I thought I would, and if I do, all I am is some sort of homo for hire. All I get offered is one AIDS benefit after another."

"I don't think *I want to play gay*," says Thompson. "There's a million actors in Hollywood who are playing gay, and none of those roles will ever go to a gay man."

Thompson should know; he has tried to get those roles. Sadly, when he attempted to audition for parts in movies like the forthcoming *Jeffrey*, and this year's dragfest *To Wong Foo*, Thompson was ignored. This is not just sour grapes. His complaint is a common refrain among gay actors: Gay parts are becoming acceptable, but audiences seem to want the actors themselves to say that they aren't "that way." Thompson is fed up. "I want to put on my resume: 'Won't Play Fags!'" Of course he realizes it might be too late, for playing fags is what made Thompson famous.

Tired of being overlooked

If he seems miffed about his reception in the mainstream entertainment world, Thompson is positively furious about his standing in the gay community. Five years ago, he says with indignation, when gay columnists were devoting hundreds of articles to outing, and spewing venom over people who refused to come out, Thompson came out on national television. Every week. Loud. But coverage never followed in any serious way.

"I've been an open gay comedian for ten years in Toronto," he says. "I'm probably the most famous fag in this country, and I've never been on the cover of my own gay paper."

Next comes the list of slights and personal omissions: it has been six years since the *Advocate* mentioned him; *Out* never included him in its list of important gay cultural figures; GLAAD never singled him out for promoting visibility on national television. Yet, if this all sounds a bit like a self-important tantrum — and it does — there is more than a little truth to Thompson's hissy fit.

"The cruel truth is that the *Living Color* fags got a hundred times more press than me. In fact, everyone's gotten a hundred times more press than me, and that's why I'm disillusioned," he says. "It seems to me that the gay press is more interested in writing about sympathetic straight people than the real thing."

One reason Thompson has encountered difficulties with the gay press, and groups like

GLAAD, is that he's never shown a concern for creating positive representations of gay men. His longstanding stage character Buddy Cole — a swishy, bourgeois, lisping queen who owns a gay bar named after himself — has drawn particular ire, despite the fact that the character is an in-your-face assertive queer.

"I've taken a lot of heat for Buddy Cole in the gay community. Some people think it's a negative stereotype, and I don't believe that," he says. "I think that in many ways Buddy Cole was an attempt for me to find a voice, and honestly I think that Buddy Cole began because it was a way for me to say unpalatable things in a palatable way. In many ways, the lisp and classical effeminacy softened people for the blows. I think of him like a prize fighter."

Tired of gay drag

Nonetheless, Thompson admits he is tired of Buddy and will most likely shelve him in the near future. But his other characters raise just as many eyebrows. The *Kids* are perhaps best known for their cross-

dressing, and certainly the current pop fascination with drag has established the comedians as visionaries. But unlike other comedy troupes from Monty Python to the Vacant Lot — where drag entails frat-boy juxtapositions of wigs, five-o'clock shadows, high heels and leg hair — the *Kids* perform a more serious transformation.

"Our philosophy on drag is just playing a person of the opposite sex," says Thompson. "If you're playing a man or a woman, you try to get the character. You don't get laughs from being in a dress."

But if Thompson's gender-bending is significantly different from other comedians' cross-dressing, it is equally far afield from the world of gay drag.

"I've always hated gay drag," he says. "I always thought it was offensive and stupid. Gay drag has changed an awful lot, but I don't consider lip-synching much of an art form."

Though obviously successful, Thompson is bitter. And he doesn't censor his acrimony for the benefit of audiences or journalists. In fact, he's even alienated much of his own following.



The Kids in the Hall

But this is a comic who's grown accustomed to offending people. Whether it's culture or politics he's sending up, Thompson knows the good satirist can't be bothered with making comedy comforting or palatable. It's got to have edge. As he once asserted on the air while playing Buddy Cole, "Andrew Dice Clay is not the new Lenny Bruce. I am."

"By some factions of the gay and lesbian establishment, I think I'm considered like a toad, or an Uncle Tom. Yet I consider

their behavior much more Uncle Tom," he says. "I'm tired of these watchdogs in culture, telling us what's right and wrong and correct and incorrect. That part of me is reactionary now. I got tired of being this shrill voice, tired of being PC. I want just to be funny in a way that others are considered funny. This big screaming queer phase is over. My goal now is to just be a comic. I don't want to be labeled as an activist or a drag queen. I'm none of those things." ▼

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Johnson

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In his new biography of Johnson, the internationally renowned architect who is often referred to as "the father of postmodernism," author Franz Schulze makes it clear that Johnson was only a Nazi sympathizer. His sympathies arose, to a great extent, from his inordinate fondness for the pre-war homosexual decadence of Berlin. Schulze reports that Johnson "felt a sexual thrill, in his own words, at the sight of 'all those blond boys in black leather.'" It was a thrill Johnson would pay dearly for as the years progressed; his disastrous foray into right-wing politics repeatedly came back to haunt him.

Nonconformist

Brilliant, wealthy, and socially connected, the young Philip Johnson had the attention span of a gnat. After leaving his family in Ohio, he flitted from one field of study to another, took seven years to earn an under-

graduate degree from Harvard, and didn't enter graduate school in architecture until 1940, at the age of 34. But by that time, he had already made his mark as co-author of *The International Style: Architecture Since 1922*, which was published in 1932. At the time, Johnson was an unpaid director of architecture at New York's Museum of Modern Art, where he was able to mount a concurrent exhibition of the work contained in his book.

Biographer Schulze presents a vivid picture of the young homosexual Johnson as a man whose family money, connections, and intellect made him perpetually poised for success. As a freshman at Harvard, Johnson's personal wealth was over \$1 million, and his flashy cars and generosity made him quite a curiosity among his classmates. These early years make for compelling reading, but Schulze subsequently fails to engage with the details of Johnson's career as an architect. Partnerships, failures, and successes are all discussed in broad strokes, with a chronology of major works and professional

alliances that ultimately constitute an unsatisfying read. Even the forays into Johnson's promiscuity and his homosexual liaisons with the four "Mrs. Johnsons" fail to live up to the early insights provided in this biography. Yet Johnson fascinates as a human being, even when the author's prose falls short.

Homo pomo

An architectural groupie who became an architect, Johnson achieved fame through association and endurance. He stole from the best and never failed to acknowledge that his work was but a pale shadow of greats like Wright,

Gropius, Mies, and Le Corbusier.

Critics agreed. A genius for synthesis and prognostication emerge as Johnson's greatest gift. This, combined with his keen sense of showmanship, has kept him at the forefront of 20th century architecture. His movement away from the International Style of the '20s, and his penchant for classical elements, eventually resulted in a style now known as postmodernism. Johnson's most famous work, the AT&T Corporate Headquarters in Manhattan (1984), was designed in collaboration with his architect/partner, John Burgee. This monumental highrise is crowned with the sig-

nature broken pediment and cylindrical trough which have come to symbolize the postmodern aesthetic.

In the late 1980s, octogenarian Johnson - still homo but no longer pomo - took up the cause of deconstructivism, following the lead of more advanced practitioners like Frank Gehry. Now, approaching 90, Johnson still lives with the last "Mrs. Johnson," David Whitney, in their Connecticut and Manhattan homes. It may be difficult to like the arrogant Johnson, but it's impossible to ignore the sweep of his influence, laboriously detailed in Schulze's biography. ▼

Johnson's S.F. Follies

During the real-estate boom of the early-to-mid '80s, Philip Johnson received four commissions for buildings in downtown San Francisco - not one of which is mentioned in the Johnson biography by Franz Schulze. The author's oversight is understandable considering the generally dreadful quality of the work. Proving himself a master of understatement, the architect acknowledged that his San Francisco work is "not very good." Gay San Franciscans may want to take note of the following structures which grace our skyline, for they've been created by the world's most famous living queer architect.

building is a nightmare; cheap aluminum window trim is framed by squares of granite - in two colors, forming a sepia-toned checkerboard facade. A last minute compromise to save the City of Paris dome resulted in the old stained-glass roof being mounted above the corner entrance to Johnson's bunker (a local wag summed up this gesture as "killing granny to get the tiara"). The demolition of the City of Paris building did more to promote San Francisco preservation than anything before or since. To this day, many San Franciscans, still stinging from the defeat, refuse to shop at "needless markup."

their own individual spotlights. How do you spell schizophrenia?

The Vacuum Cleaner

343 Sansome: This addition to a wonderful art deco building wraps around the corner of Sansome onto Sacramento Street. Enormous wall sconces, shaped like an old Electrolux vacuum cleaner, decorate the street level. Both the design and the materials bear no relationship whatsoever to the building they were intended to complement. Another gray granite monstrosity, this office building resembles a public housing project, without the charm.

Lean and Mean

101 California: The best of Johnson's San Francisco efforts, this highrise became famous as the scene of a 1993 mass murder. Quirky and playful, a tall, rippled cylinder of glass shoots up from the ground supported by thin columns. At the street level, Johnson designed a large atrium with a slanted roof, which covers the rectangular base, rendered in stone, four stories tall. The public spaces, both inside and out, are elegant and inviting. 101 proves the old adage that even a stopped clock is right twice a day. ▼

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Bill's revenge

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Devyn's Dilemma

As luck would have it, just in at the paper is *Prisoner of Love*, a Jim Steel production starring the sultry Devyn Foster as a sensitive young man whose psyche is ravaged by the discrepancy between his tender feelings for perky boyfriend Scott Baldwin and a much more raunchy fantasy life. Devyn's big dilemma seems to be whether he can have his cigar and smoke three others, too — something with which we all can empathize (though, of course, only in theory, my darling).

Poor Devyn. He's as forlorn as Brad Pitt in *Interview With the Vampire*, but instead of Tom Cruise to goad him on, Dev's only got two schmaltzy lover friends and a Germanic-sounding shrink, all of whom offer only platitudes to our conflicted hero.

The piece starts out with Devyn and Scotty licking each other's nipples and generally engaging in what passed for lesbian sex (or so a girlfriend tells me) in the '70s. It's a sweet moment, but you know it can't last. Artistically, the scene's apex is some nifty lighting that

renders Scotty's cock alternately blue or white with light amber highlights, depending on how the shadow of Devyn's bobbing face falls on it.

But trouble persists in paradise. It's those recurring hard-core dreams. "How different can they be?" asks one of the lovers. Dissolve to a blindfolded guy in a sling, with another fellow wearing only leather pants and a cap standing over him, probing, prodding and slapping Mr. In-the-Sling with a riding crop.

Bye-bye Billy

Suddenly, Mr. Bill has receded as much in my consciousness as Scotty has in that of Devyn, who's donned a form-fitting leather mask to go with his leather jockstrap. The tempo picks up as Mr. In-the-Sling, ever the butch bottom, incites Mr. Leather Cap into ever more stimulating activities.

After everyone shoots a gummy load, Steel dissolves back and forth between Devyn's masked face and memories of Scotty. Later at the shrink's (after the two platitudinous lovers have gotten it on), the specialist advises Devyn to accept the dreams as they are: "In the words of the great Sigmund Freud,

sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."

The father of psychoanalysis never sounded so absurd — or so liberating. Before you can say panatella, Devyn's in the sling himself, barking orders like General Patton during the liberation of France.

Like Patton, our man Devyn demands total respect: he makes his sex slave say please and thank you every step of the way — which leads to a delicious cum spritzer on the fellow's willing mug.

Though his video drags in spots, Mr. Steel has done fairly well with *Prisoner*, which features some not-bad sex — Devyn fucking his sex mate's face is as delicious to watch as it probably was to experience. On the technical side, there are many fewer mismatched shots than in Steel's recent *A Wanted Man*.

Having discovered from worldly-wise *B.A.R.* columnists Aiva Nidacs and Polly Popular that brevity is not the new line of underwear we thought it was, we're signing off now, the better to get cracking with our various acts of contrition to the petulant Mr. Bill — light of our life, fire of our loins ... occasional bane of our existence. ▼

Devyn Foster in *Prisoner of Love*.

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Yo-Yo Dieting Is Counterproductive Who Gets Fat on Diets

by Lucy Jane Bledsoe

The diet industry is fat and growing fatter. And if the latest findings in diet research are true, the industry is going to continue to grow and grow.

Studies show that 90 to 95 percent of people who lose weight gain it all back within five years, and usually sooner. Yo-yo dieting, called weight cycling in scientific circles, steadily feeds the 40 million dollars a year Americans spend on weight loss books, products, and services.

What's worse, researchers are finding evidence that chronic dieting may be harder on a person's health than carrying a little extra weight. With radical diets, people tend to lose muscle along with fat. When they regain the weight, as most do, they just gain fat. The percentage of body fat increases — making the yo-yo dieter fatter with every round.

Failed diets, it turns out, are not necessarily the fault of undisciplined eaters. At least some of the fault lies in our genes. Like height or skin color, adiposity (scientific lingo for fatness) is genetically determined. In a classic study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, Albert Stunkard of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School,

found that body-fat levels of identical twins raised apart were much closer than those of fraternal twins raised together, providing powerful evidence that genetics plays a big part in body weight.

Metabolism can also block the body's ability to lose weight. If you diet to attain a weight lower than your "set point," the weight that is determined by your genetic makeup, your body takes steps to restore the natural order. Your metabolism slows down, meaning your body burns calories more slowly and tries as hard as it can to store fat. After all, the problem of being overweight is brand new in the evolution of the human body. Our bodies are programmed to avoid starvation.

Yo-yo dieting and heart disease

One common casualty of failed diets is self-esteem. In a society that places a high premium on thinness, coupled with a diet industry that leads us all to believe being svelte is a commodity we can buy, many people feel terrible about themselves for not being skinny.

But self-esteem may not be the only victim of yo-yo dieting. Psychologist Kelly Brownell of Yale University, who has been studying the health effects of weight fluctuation for years, has

found that people who engage in yo-yo dieting may have significantly higher rates of heart disease than nondieters who maintain a steady, even if hefty, weight.

These findings present a paradox for the medical establishment, which has proven that obesity is linked to heart disease. In 1994, the National Institutes of Health reviewed all the studies on weight cycling and maintained their position that losing weight is the best way for obese people to avoid heart disease. Few researchers disagree that losing weight — permanently — is the best choice. But Dr. Michael Swartz, an endocrinologist and weight cycling expert at Seattle Veterans Affairs Medical Center, asks whether the effects of yo-yo dieting really matter when the fact is, dieting doesn't work.

These issues are critical for obese people at risk for heart disease and other serious illnesses. But what about most of us who would just like to lose those ten extra pounds? Does a high set point and sluggish metabolism make that impossible? Not necessarily.

Exercise sheds pounds

Most experts agree there are two healthy ways to lose weight. The first is exercise. Rather than reducing caloric intake on a diet, increase calorie-burning by working out. Not only does exercise burn calories, it has been shown to actually speed up metabolism. While dieting has nasty side effects — of foul moods, binges, and guilt — exercise has the positive side effects of increased energy, strength, self-esteem, and stress relief.

The second healthy way to



Yo-yo dieting doesn't lead to the perfect physique.

lose weight is to keep fat intake under 30 percent of total calories consumed. While a gram of fat has nine calories, a gram of protein or carbohydrate has only four. This means a person can eat twice as much carbohydrate and protein food as fatty food for the same amount of calories. So by eating carbohydrate and protein foods, you burn calories even as you eat.

If you're determined to lose a few pounds permanently, lose the weight very slowly, no more than half a pound a week, and exercise to avoid losing muscle with the fat.

Drastic or yo-yo dieting causes people to lose a whole lot of the wrong things — muscle, money (to the weight loss industry), self-esteem — but rarely pounds. ▼

BOOKS

Greatest Need: Sexual Honesty

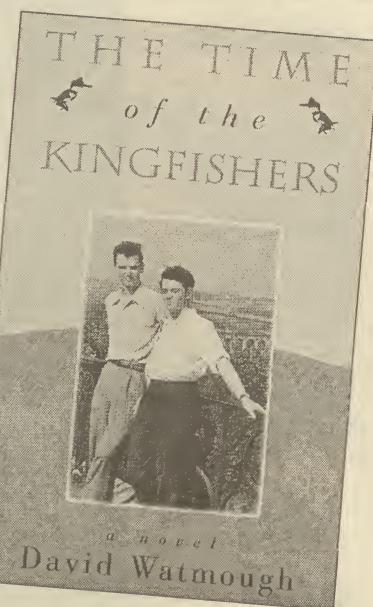
The Time of the Kingfishers
by David Watmough;
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Even among today's sophisticates, sexual honesty is in short supply. David Watmough in his book *The Time of the Kingfishers* carefully and realistically explores this problem as he unfolds the differences between the open, happy union his protagonist narrator enjoys with his lover Ken, and the tense, clouded marriages of Gordon and Helen Goddard, Neil and Jacqueline Murphy. These six, plus one son of each couple, are a close extended family.

The settings are Vancouver, California, and Europe. The central conflict on which the story turns is the closeted gayness of the supposedly straight husbands, which is bitterly complicated by their internalized homophobia. When they are left in Vancouver as the wives, their adolescent sons, Davey and Ken, go on a European holiday; events force crises. The denouement produces realignments, new and re-discovered affections, and increased honesty.

With equal parts melodrama and subtle comedy, Watmough develops the similarities and contrasts among these people. For instance, a country couple devoted to breeding pedigree dogs is revealed to be a brutish husband and a battered wife, while a pair of middle-aged lesbians, as "out" as Davey and Ken, are mutually loving.

Perhaps the most gratifying contrast of all though is that between the constricting snobbery of the European grandparents and the genuine accep-



tance of his father's gayness by one of the grandsons. ▼

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Members of SF's Gay/Les Federation Win National Titles

Members of San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian Tennis Federation (GLTF) won titles and trophies at recent national gay tennis events in Houston and Palm Springs.

The November tennis events in these cities were the final tournaments on the year-long Gay Tennis Circuit.

San Francisco's Dan Hess made an impressive showing in Houston by sweeping through five matches without the loss of a set in the Men's B Singles division. In the finals, Hess outplayed New Orleans' Joe Jemison 6-3, 6-2 to capture his first gay tennis title. Hess, the GLTF's current president, displayed an all-court game with hard drives and sharp angles throughout the match. He later teamed up with Los Angeles' Joe Chavez to reach the finals of the Men's B Doubles, losing to Chicago's Lee Nostrant and Michel Kowalsky.

Norma Del Mercado added to her titles from the Portland Tournament by capturing the

Women's C Singles. She defeated Houston's Kathleen Richardson 6-2, 6-2 in the finals. She later combined with fellow GLTF member Rochelle Rinaldi to reach the Women's C Doubles final. They were ousted by the Texan team of Martin and Eglinger.

Darryl Hubbard teamed up with LA player Dee Gamboa to take the Open Mixed title over GLTF's Katie Harrison and partner Tony Reyes of Ft. Lauderdale. Hubbard and Harrison also won the Open Division Men's and Women's consolation events.

Bill Bennett won the Men's A Singles at the Palm Springs Open. In the final, Bennett easily dispatched Bob Bailey of Tustin Hills, CA 6-3, 6-1 for his first gay circuit title.

The GLTF of SF is already planning the 15th Annual United States Gay Open (USGO), the World Championship of Gay Tennis held Memorial Day weekend in May.

Outside of the Gay Games, the USGO is the largest and

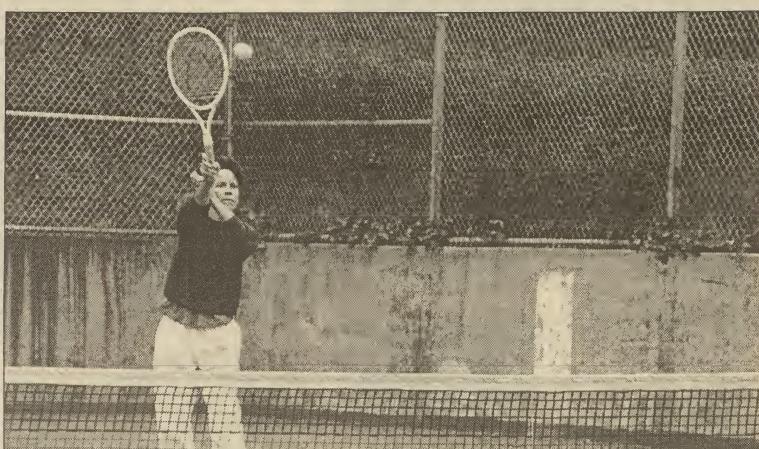


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The GLTF is planning the 15th Annual U.S. Gay Open in May.

most prestigious gay tennis tournament in the world. Four hundred players from around the world are expected to come

to SF to compete in USGO.

The next GLTF membership meeting will be held on Monday, January 16 at Community

Rentals in the Castro. ▼

For more information, call Donna at 282-2453.



Photo: Greg Murphy

1995 promises to be a good year for local basketball fans.

Basketball Season Heats Up

by Joe Nelson

Ever since the Gay Games ended last summer, basketball, at least locally, has been dormant. The two teams from San Francisco did quite well in the Games' international competitions; SF even won the Silver medal. The Pacers lost the championship game by two points to a worthy opponent from Long Beach (though they didn't lose any other games). The second SF team won a few games as well, despite scoring problems.

Now, at the top of 1995, the local organization will once again field a team. But this one needs lots of support as they embark upon their fifth season. They've been grossly undersized in comparison to the competition, using guard-type & guard-height players even at the center position. As a result, the team has finished in the bottom third of the league for the past few seasons (but never in last place).

There is promise for some

very good playing this season. Strong additions from last year's unit will make a big difference. However, some of the best players from last year's Gay Games squad are unavailable for local competitions, including former team captain Daryle Morgan and San Diegan Dwight Dunn. Discussion of a national gay basketball tournament is presently under way, and experience in competitive games should enhance the local team's efforts to retain its championship crown from the last tournament hosted in SF in 1991.

Anyone with strong basketball skills should show up any Sunday (in the next two weeks if possible) for possible placement on the squad. Play starts at 5 p.m. at the 100 Collingwood St. gym, one block from 18th & Castro. The competitive group starts at 6 p.m. The team's upcoming games will be announced in the B.A.R. throughout the season, and fans are welcome to attend. The Bay Area Raw Raws will be on hand at some of the games. ▼

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Eve 12/12 Union Sq - Throw me another kiss, this time I won't miss. You got into your station wagon on Powell after leaving the book store we went up Powell EXT. 4429.

Giraffe 12/17 - You-Adam, short blond hair, black jacket, jeans. Me-brown jacket, short brown hair & glasses. We exchanged glances, too shy to approach you. My friend gave you wrong telephone number. Second chance? Would like to hear from you. EXT 4430.

Castro Muni Station - I see you weekdays around 7:00 AM at the Station. You a little over 6 feet tall, dark hair, moustache, are impeccably dressed, carrying a large brief case and reading the paper while waiting for the train. You get off at Embar. You brightened my day. Like to get to know you. EXT 4431.

Eros 12/6 - Chuck is your name rhymes with luck. Our kisses were deep. We left together and walked to Muni. Can't stop think of you. Please call. The illustrated man. EXT 4432.

Repeat Customers - You-two hot young Asian men trying out the blazers at Geyry Goodwill. Me: bearded bear cub wearing Goodwill employee ID. The blazers looked good on you, like to see you naked. EXT 4431

Dancing at the Dome 12/17 - You: Blue white plaid shirt, dark hair, great dancer. Me: Brown/ blond no shirt dress slacks, out there dancer. EXT 4435.

Blow Buddies, Sat Nite 12/17 - About 2am. You: Awesome bodybuilder, dark complexion, light jeans. Me: blond, beard, jeans & chaps, eagle t-shirt. You enjoy sit-

ting on stool in front of me. I went to take a break, but never found you later. I'd like to continue....EXT 4475.

Nobhill Cinema-Chinese - 12/8, We shared a booth. You-Chinese student. University. Me: Wht, mid 20s. Wish we had met under different circumstances. You're beautiful, physically and spiritually. I'm a writer, well educated, perfectly clean, not from SF. Lets try for something better. EXT 4434.

My Fair Lady 12/26 - Made eye contact outside Castro Theater before 1 pm show. You were walking by. I was waiting in line. We spoke briefly. You said you thought you recognized me. Me: about 5'8", long curly brown hair, brown eyes, wearing leather jacket. Would love to see you. EXT 4490.

Fabrizio - You answered my "chicken feet" ad; I got wrong number. Please call again. We met last year, I never called. Want you to come for dinner. EXT 4504.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

M-M

Hot Bottom Looking for Top Daddy - Very handsome, very sexy, GWM, 27, muscular, masculine, talented, creative, caring, affectionate, kind, romantic, down to earth. Seeking top, handsome, masculine, GWM, 35-45, over 5'9", NS, ND, with facial hair & strong hairy body who has similar qualities for poss. LTR. EXT 4385.

HIV+ GBM - Seeks White, trim, built, somewhat masculine, bottom. Me: 5'9", 145#, med. complexion, low key & possessive. You: 30y/r or older, in need of a loving, caring, serious minded Black man. All others need not apply. EXT 4390.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth

you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're HIV+, don't panic, get early treatment, talk to someone that can help, & still play safe. EXT 5406.

Good looking All-American GWM - 51years young seeks good looking, handsome GWM, any years young, into fun, friendship, even romance. Mountain camping out, look for & find gold. Lots of gold. EXT 4391.

Bottom Dad for Top Son - Affectionate dad needs honest, responsible son. Dates lead to LTR? Healthy HIV+ ok. Want GWM/GAM son to 35. Dad: 53, 5'10", GWM, 220#. Live in SF please. EXT 4393.

It Takes All Kinds - Boilyshy cute GWM, young looking 33, 5'10", 170#, smooth, br/hzl, HIV+, intelligent, creative, humorous, sexual, romantic. Seeks tall masculine man, handsome, w/ big heart for loving companionship. Varied interests, opposites attract? EXT 4394.

Russian River - HIV+ GWM, 6', 200#, br/gr, 40, very good looking. New to Russian River area, would like to meet ruggedly handsome masculine men. EXT 4395.

Sexy GWM - Seeking good looking BM, well built, sexy top, 25-40y/o, HIV-. Me: 34y/o, good looking, 6'2", 185#, masculine. Love playing, making love & the outdoors, HIV-. Stability & serious only. EXT 4396.

GAM Seeking SWM - SF, GAM, 5'11", 180#, seeking intelligent, thoughtful, humorous, romantic, mature, NS, ND, HIV-, no facial hair, height and weight proportionate GWM. EXT 4439.

Hippie Love - 28y/o GWM down to earth guy is looking for GWM w/ hippie look & outlook. I'm very handsome, moustache, love outdoors, riding my motorcycle. You are hairy, have long blonde hair w/ beard, good person, handsome, financially stable, down to earth, NS, ND, into working for peace, love, & happiness. EXT 4386.

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Sexy Dad - Looking for hot man for good sex & good times. I'm 5'10" 185#, well built, active, versatile, hung & uncut. Your in your 30's & looking for mutual satisfaction, call & tell me about yourself. EXT 4445.

GWM, 31 - I'm 5'7" 165#, brown hair, blue eyes well built, smooth, sexually, versatile, body builder. Like to dine out, easy going, movies and sports, and looking for long term relationship! EXT 4446.

Gentleman Looking 4 Love - Attractive GWM, mid 20, 6'5", very muscular, NS, ND, looking for men 29-35 who enjoy quiet evenings at home, laughter and good sex. Must be over 6'1" NS, ND. EXT 4448.

Top Seeks Bottom in Marin - I'm a clean cut, GWM, 42, 5'10", 185, HIV+, happy & healthy seeking the company of a good man who enjoys the fresh air & rolling in the hay associate with country living. I prefer GWM, 35-45, HIV+ & healthy with weight proportionate to height. EXT 4449.

Barrio Boyfriend Wanted: - You Latino under 25 GDLKG, masculine, top, Me: blond, blue eyes, 5'9" 150 GDLKG over 25.. sincere only PLS. EXT 4450.

Psychic? - Paranormal experience? Esoteric spiritual pursuit? Parallel realities? Me to. Lets talk. Hari OM Blessed Be. EXT 4451.

GBM Seeks Friends - Must be bearded and thin. I'm 38 HIV- 165#, 6'1". Into progressive art, rock, jazz, space music, massage, hiking, cuddling, mountains, woods, wildflowers, vegetarian food, gardening and spirituality, NS, ND, NA. EXT 4452.

Bear Magazine Look - GWM 40 hairy husky, balding, moustache, 5'9", 195#, brown hair. I'm looking for guy 20-30 with attractive boyish looks for possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, nature, Sci-Fi, films & safe versatile sex. I'm HIV- & good sense of humor. EXT 4447.

Part-Time Actor - Seeking full-time friend. Objective-dating. I'm 5'11", 148#, 48, brown-blue, HIV-. NS/ND. You: HIV- NS/ND 30-50yo, smooth, HT/WP, proportionate GM. Interests acting, theater, working out, running, hiking, etc. EXT 4453.

Bi Cultural - 35yo Latin/Caucasian 5", 200#, w/ traditional looks seeks GM for friendship, romance and possible LTR. Sincere Only. EXT 4492.

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New Year's Resolution - GAM 30 5'7", 140#, gd lkng, compassionate, nice body, interested in foreign movies, language and science. Looking for someone nice to be life-long mate. (25-35y/o, kind and fit) EXT 4477.

I Have a Bear Magazine Look - GWM 40, hairy, husky, balding, moustache. I'm 5'9", 195#, dark hair. I'm looking for guy 20-30 w/attractive boyish looks for poss LTR. I enjoy bicycling, nature, Sci-Fi, films & safe versatile sex. I'm HIV+ & good sense of humor. EXT 4478.

Guerneville Bottom Bear - WM, 46, heavyset, very hairy, gentle, creative writer. Seeks yngr, top, slender, smooth, clean shaven for LTR. EXT 4479.

Rus.Rvr Sorcerer Apprentice - Witch/Shaman, bearish, 40s, SKS, yngr guy w/ sincere interest in magic & the occult to share a joint exploration of magic & sex. Shy, inexp. OK. EXT 4480.

Filipino/Asian - Sought by vintage Italian male for companionship. Be serious/open minded. SJ/bay area. EXT 4482.

That Missing Element - I'm a successful, self-emp, professional in Oak hills. I have a busy schedule, but committed to make time for a special partner in life. Me: 5'5", 125#, HIV+, enjoy warm cozy evenings at home, romantic outings, travel, stimulating conversation & lots of affection. You: GWM/GAM/GLM 35-45, in shape, HIV+, intelligent, well-educ., zest for life & desire for companionship. NS+. EXT 4483.

Are You Looking For Love? - I'm masculine GWM, 6ft, 190#, 40, healthy, HIV+, mustache, fairhair & skin. Into homelife, film, photography, outdoors. I seek masculine, sensitive, black, Latin, Italian, man. Interested in LTR. Let's talk. EXT 4491.

Wanted: Not Politically Correct - Seeks top GWM, smoker, drinker, gym avoiding. Not overly addicted and usually responsible. You are younger, than I, live in SF, almost clean shaven, smooth & affectionate. Me: GWM, early 50's, 220#, 5'11", LTR-oriented romantic bottom. EXT 4481.

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5'11", 225#, love you sweet cum. EXT 4495.

Seeking Italians and Latinos - 18-40 who prefer or relate well to being w/ an attr. sexy romantic older gentleman, 71, 5'8", 160#, HIV+, for on going friendship in & out of bed. Honesty and sincerity a must! EXT 4496.

Cute Buns Seeks Older Top - smth satir smooth youngster, 25, 6'1", 160#. New to USA have high intellect, seeks older sexy man 52+ who is very masculine, mature, romantic, classy and charismatic. EXT 4497.

SEEKING ADVENTURE

M-M

Extremely Hairy Man Needed - By same. 42, 5'8", 153#, muscular, goatee, hairy front & back, wrestler, seeks same for intense fur-grinding peewee, bearhugs, fur-licking oral satisfaction, muscled pumping workouts, hanging out barechested. Hairy blondes, redheads, Latinos a real cock pleaser. EXT 4400.

I'm a Moustache Lover - Into guys w/ thick mustaches, especially horseshoe type, hairy bodies, especially blondes. I'm very hot GWM, great body, nice guy, very sexy & romantic. Looking for fun w/ possibility of more if chemistry works. EXT 4424.

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Santa Is Here - Let him put his hot white red lips around your big White red dick. Santa wants your egg nog, in or out, now or later. EXT 4404.

GWM Seeking Hairless - Want hairless chested wonders 18-29 for day & night playtime fun in my Castro apartment. Me: 6'2", 165#, dark hair, muscular, good looking. You: handsome, trim, & eager. EXT 4407.

GBM, HIV+ Seeks Asian - Who's trim built, somewhat masculine, bottom for hot & heavy sex. Me: brown skin, 5'9", 145#, very interested in meeting hot Asian guys. EXT 4392.

Seeking an Affair - GLM, 5'8", HIV-, seeks discreet affair w/ GWM 30-45, HIV-, blondes or redheads, already in a relationship for hot ongoing encounters or affair. EXT 4398.

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Discreet Oral Massage - Hirsute, husky guy, 50s, will massage you your way, East Bay only. EXT 4417.

Mid Peninsula Cockswallower - Likes giving White guys under 45 free BJ. Me: 35, 205#, 5'11", Hawaiian Filipino, short blkbr. Will drive to you; out only. So lay back & let me suck it dry. EXT 4401.

Hot Bottoms Needed - By 50yo/GWM top, 6', 155#, brbr, glasses, 9" cock. You under 40, Caucasian or Latino, smooth body, nice firm ass for my big cock to blow for long sessions. EXT 4402.

Sex Crazed - You have average and above looks, weight/height proportionate, cum loving, pis draining, butt licking who can appreciate a grt looking, drk skinned guy w/ a huge dick. Public encounters a plus, private encounters at your place ok. Ready to get down & dirty? EXT 4463.

Hot Tongue & Cock - Well built WM, 5'11", hairy big, needs in-shape WM, hairy body w/ a big firm hairy bubble butt to tongue fuck & fuck. EXT 4403.

Attn. Mexican Topmen - 34yo/BM bottom would like to meet Mexican topmen for fun & friendship. If you're nice & know how to take control, please call, don't be shy. EXT 4405.

Stud Butt-Hole Licker - Muscular, raunchy jock w/ rim seat. Looking for nasty studs who like to have their assholes worship by an eager, hot tongue. EXT 4464.

Big Toys FF - Black male, 35, seeking FF man. Mutual a plus, for long hard hours of fisting w/ hands & toys. Your place. 5'9", 160#, round bubble butt. EXT 4406.

Looking for Dessert? - I'm a handsome, ass-eating, fuck buddy for smooth bodies 20s-30s. Nice Italian dick stud, blk hair, hairy, mid 30s. Call now. EXT 4408.

GBM Seeks Hairy Husky - Attractive Black male, 5'10", 165#, HIV-, smooth body, coffee & cream skin, seek GWM 45-65 w/ a big thick cock that loves to be serviced for hours. I'm very good. EXT 4409.

Objective: Hot Times! - Me: WM, 170, 46, 5'10", sports fan, beard, no bullshit, no barscene honest. You: BM, any age, top, height/weight proportionate. EXT 4454.

Black Male Wanted - By attractive GWM, 25, blond, 5'8". We are both physically fit, masculine and HIV-. You: Top, Me: Bottom. EXT 4498.

drugs. Not into barscene. EXT 4455.

Oral Service - BM, 6'11", 180#, hung, muscular. Will service WM, Latino, Asians, bike messengers, other things possible. EXT 4458.

Let's Practice! - 29, AHR. Tall, smooth, fit, br/b, healthy. Nervous in sexual situations. Seeks yngr, guy to ex. w/ massage, oral, cuddling. EXT 4459.

RU Small, Proportioned? - UR wanted here now by 135#, 5'6", 6"x6" UC. WM. Sharing, caring, open, party man to SC and balls, lick & fuck smooth ass. I am 51. UB HIV-. Call EXT 4462.

Seniors (50+) - A horny, husky, masculine, sexy senior man (maybe 2 or 3) would enjoy the talents of an endowed, experienced, mature black man. Let's enjoy some privacy, video, drinks, aroma and each other. Thanks. EXT 4456.

Feel my Moustache - In your crack and my tongue up your butt. Me 36 WM, 6', 160#, BR/BL. EXT 4457.

Asian Doing Asian - Lets get together at your place for lots of oral and butt play. I'm 5'11", 178#, 38, HIV-. Into safe versatile intense sex. Smooth and slim a+. EXT 4465.

Hot, Handsome, Top - This total top, GWM, 40, 6', 170#, mustache/goatee is seeking totally hot bottoms for the holiday season. HIV+ OK. Lets Fuck! EXT 4468.

Eastbay Late Nights - Do you like dirty talk, but are tired of phone sex? Like JO but only meet suck/fuck types? Like buddy to buddy fun, but meet tops or bottoms? Do you drink & smoke, but clean living types? Then let's party (share 50/50), my place, 10-11pm. No video or shaved cocks.. EXT 4469.

Hot Asian from Saoto - GAM 5'9", 150#, loves to be humped, screwed by GWM w/ big dick. Loves to service your body w/ my mouth & tongue. I need someone to open up my man hole, I will try toys and other kinky stuff. Love dominant daddy. EXT 4466.

Tall WM Seeks TV - Also TS or fem type male. EXT 4419.

Vacuum Pumpers Rise Up - Need GWM BB for play on my 46" pecs to enhance an engorging hour. Bring cylinder & camera. Hairy redhead a+. Muscular only. EXT 4420.

My Hot Mouth, Your Ass - Please respond if you are healthy, well built & enjoy long sessions of having your ass licked & admired for hours by handsome 35y/o Latin. No reciprocation wanted. Let's play. EXT 4421.

Under 28? - Seeking younger buddies to share time w/. Looking for a new slant of life. I'm muscular, curious and 38yo. EXT 4486.

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Experience FFB - Deep wide drain seeks expert plumber, plunger fist, long slow sliding, fast punching, your way your limits. Lean, 5'11", 165#, beard, tats. Top couples welcome. EXT 4474.

Deepthroat FFB - Suck, fist, fist all day/night long, creedy to the root cs, assatable A1 asshole. Topfist, topcock. Fit, 59, 5'11", 165#, beard, tats, sling. You: any age, race, size. EXT 4501

Your Boots, My Crotch - Erotic boots & leather rubbing and play sought by handsome healthy and muscular 33yo GWM. You must be HW prop, good looking, 18-35, and healthy. Cowboy, Biker, English Riding, Black Leather Chaps, Gloves A++, EXT 4502.

Lover of Barefeet Seeks Same - I'm sensually/sexually aroused looking at, kissing, smelling, licking, caressing clean barefeet in reciprocal action and JO. I love all over body play. Masc, gdking, GWM, 5'9", trim, hirsute, HIV-, N/A, N/D. LTR possible. E Bay area preferred. EXT 4503.

OTHER

Discreet Encounters - GAM, 30, 5'7", 130. Seeks discreet times w/ attorneys who are masc., clean trim hair, shaven. I'm discreet. Very safe & easy to get along w/. PM encounters. EXT 4488.

Castro Halloween Photo - You took our photo: One man w/ a garland of flowers on his head, another w/ a bridal veil. My friend has died and I would like a print. Call. EXT 4489.

American/Dutch GWM Couple - Seek American/European Lesbian couple who also need to exchange marriage. We are committed, responsible, very goodlooking, caring, NS, 27/39. Absolutely no strings attached, looking to obtain work permits. EXT 4336.

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"A Techno-K.O. in 10 Rounds" from Kathi Georges. Fri. & Sat. thru 1/14. \$10. 9pm. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St. **552-3034**.

Body Talk = Survival

An estrogen-based extravaganza, intersections of disability, sex & race. Scarlot Harlot, Nao Bustamante, others. Fri. & Sat. \$7-20. 8pm. Luna Sea, 2940 16th St., Rm. 216C. **863-2989**.

Christmas with the Crawfords

Artfull Circle Theatre presents Xmas Eve at home with Hollywood's most famous dysfunctional family. Miss X, Connie Champagne and others. Thurs. 8:30pm, Fri. & Sat. 8:30 & 10pm thru 1/7. \$15. The 450 Geary Theatre, 450 Geary. **626-5455**.

Doing the Same Old Shit (Again)

Comic Marga Gomez returns to her stand-up roots. Fri. & Sat. at 8 & 10pm, Sun. at 8pm. \$12. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7833**.

Frankie and Johnny in the Claire de Lune

Terrence McNally's courtship drama opens. Thurs.-Sat. thru 1/27. 8pm. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St. **771-3922**.

Last of the Suns

A former general in the army of Chiang Kai-shek celebrates his 100th birthday in the San Fernando Valley. Tues.-Sun. thru 1/27. \$17-21.50. 8pm. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. **(510) 845-4700**.

Natural Happy Disaster Bargain Days

An installation by Laura Hartwick, opens tonight. With "Even If Such an Object Outside Us Were Unimportant," an installation by Scott MacLeod. 6-8pm. Wed.-Sat., 12-5pm, thru 2/3. Southern Exposure, 401 Alabama St. **563-2141**.

Kathy Rice-Grimm

Paintings of nudes, pastels and works on paper. Fri.-Sun., 12-5pm, thru 1/29. Artists Gallery, 4076 19th St. **626-2070**.

Scenes From My Love Life

Nine gay men in search of intimacy: Ronnie Larsen's hit comedy. \$15. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm thru 1/28. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave. **861-8972**.

SA 7

Angels in America

Millennium Approaches alternates with *Perestroika*, Tony Kushner's big A play. 7:30pm Tues.-Sat., 1:30pm Wed.-Sat., Sun. thru 4/2. \$13-45. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St. **749-2ACT**.

Lesbian and Gay Family Brunch

Comedian Dianne Amos, video "Both of My Moms' Names are Judy: Children of Lesbians and Gays Speak Out," more. \$10 advance, \$12 door. Children: \$5, \$2.50. 11am-2pm. **626-2787**.



"Journeys into the Interior: Photographs of Rural Life" by Jock McDonald, at Vision Gallery, **SEE TUES**

2pm, First Unitarian Church, Franklin & Geary St. **206-1930**.

Love On Trial

Digital Queers' 3rd Annual Computer Beauty Makeover, cocktails, comedy, dancing, with Lea DeLaria. Benefit party for the Lambda Legal Defense Fund. \$30 advance, \$40 door. 6pm. Center for the Arts, 701 Mission St. email dq95rsvp@aol.com. **864-8523**.

SU 8

New Works In Photography

Curated by SFMOMA photography doyenne Sandra Phillips. Opens today, 3-5pm. Thurs. 2/4; call for gallery times. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St. **626-2787**.

Sex Sells!

Preview and silent auction of artworks examining sexuality. 10:30am-5:30pm. Auction at 6pm. (Works by Vito Acconci, Jenny Holzer, Joseph Kosuth, Tom of Finland, many others.) Benefits "In A Different Light" exhibition. Adults only. Rena Bransten Gallery, 77 Geary St. **(510) 527-9095**.

Whale Watch

SF Hiking Club goes to Point Reyes National Seashore. \$14/car. Rain cancels. Meet 8:45am, Safeway sign, Market & Church Sts. **285-3760**.

Wide World O'Women

Susan Kay Gilbert's variety show: songwriter Deborah Pardes, poet Sarah Horowitz and activist Mary Watts. 8pm, Cable Channel 53.

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A service of chanting, meditation and prayer. Free. **510 798-1300**.

7pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. **282-2317**.

GAWK

The Gay Artists and Writers Collective seeks videomakers, publishers, musicians to join its weekly meetings, Sundays at 2:30pm. **731-2424**.

Golden Gate Men's Chorus

Annual winter concert with Slavyanka, the all-male a cappella Russian chorus. \$12. 4pm. United Methodist Church of Los Altos, Magdalena and Foothill, Los Altos. **979-8690**.

Primitive Winter

Reading of fiction, poetry, spoken word. Richard Davis, Hank Hyena, Lipring Limrix, others. \$4. 8pm. Porcupine Theater, 1268 Sanchez St. **703-0591**.

Sex & Dating

Asian and Pacific Islander gay and bisexual men meet and talk about dating in the '90s. 11am-3pm. GAP Community HIV Project, 1841 Market St. **575-3939 x312**.

Nicholas Yankosky

Photography: fashion, portrait, nude and still life. Thru Jan. at Josie's, 3583 16th St. **861-7933**.

M 9

Culture in Motion

Artwork and poetry by Bay Area teens, graphic design by Rex Ray, on view in kiosks along Market St. thru Feb. An off-site art project by the LAB and Small Press Traffic. **346-4063**.

Whale Watch Open Mike

M.C. Suzy Berger. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. \$5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933**.

Mark Hannon

Works from the artist's series "Love, Life, Sex & Death" show at Bentley's Restaurant, 185 Sutter St. **922-7889**.

Singing Fools

New musical comedy featuring vocal trio "The Jesters." Previews 1/9-11, \$12. Wed.-Sun. thru 2/4, call for times, \$14-\$18. Willows Theatre, 1975 Diamond Blvd., Concord. **510 798-1300**.

Synthesis

Recent work by Marque Cornblatt. Mon.-Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 10am-5pm thru 1/22. Architects and Heroes Gallery/Salon, 2239 Fillmore St. **921-8383**.

Winter Group Show

Works by Paul Cadmus, Randall Lake, Jennifer Li and others. Thru 1/28. Mon.-Fri. 10am-5:30pm, Sat. 10am-5pm. John Pence Gallery, 750 Post St. **441-1138**.

Richard Wood

Bay Area dance photographer projects portraits of dancers onto found stone surfaces. Exhibits thru January. Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room, 579 Hayes St. **864-7654**.

Yucatan Exhibit

Mirta Gomez and Eduardo Del Valle's photographs: the dwellings of Mayan descendants. Mon.-Fri., 8am-10pm, Sat.-Sun., 10am-5pm. Downstairs Gallery, UC Extension Center, 55 Laguna St. **252-5221**.

TU 10

The Art of Star Wars

Models, paintings and artifacts used in the epic film trilogy. Tues.-Sun., 11am-6pm, Thurs. til 8pm. \$8. Center for the Arts Galleries, 701 Mission St. **978-ARTS**.

Nicole Eisenman

Lower East Side artist whose work teams with urban realism. Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Thurs. til 8pm. Sun. 12-5pm, thru 1/15. Walter/McBean Gallery, SFAI, 800 Chestnut St. **771-7020**.

Grease!

Tommy Tune's production includes Sally Struthers and Davy Jones. Tues.-Sun. thru 2/5, call for times. \$15-60. Golden Gate Theatre, Golden Gate & Market St. **776-1999**.

Keith Haring

Exhibition of original artwork. Thru Jan. Martin Lawrence Gallery, 465 Powell St. **956-0345**.

Debra Heimerdinger

Exhibition of a series of still life photographs of flowers. Tues.-Sat., 10am-7pm thru 1/21. Vision North Gallery, 2300 Polk St. **474-4581**.

Journeys into the Interior

Photographs of rural life by Jock McDonald. Also: work by Howard Schatz, Joan Myers. Mon.-Sat. 9am-6pm thru 1/28. Vision Gallery, 1155 Mission St. **621-2107**.

June Bride

Reading of Sara Felder's new solo performance, before its premiere in Anchorage later this month. \$6. 8:30pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St. **641-0235**.

Lavender Lounge

Gay/lesbian TV show features new segment, "Wenda Watch White Trash Cooking Show." Tuesdays, 10pm. Cable Channel 47. **337-4921**.

The Jesters (Barrett

Lindsay-Steiner, Richard "Scrumbly" Koldewyn, A.C. Griffing) portray a Jazz Age vocal trio in *Singing Fools*, **SEE MON**



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Great Buns Calendar cover man Steve Rockwell (L) and SF Leather Daddy Steve Gaynes are what the new *GRUF* magazine (Great Unshaven Faces) is all about. The premiere issue party is at the Lone Star Saloon on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

More Fun & Games in '95

Rushing into the new year, you'll not be wanting for leathery things to do as the Gay '90s will reach the halfway mark at the end of 1995.

Unfortunately, we had lousy weather all last weekend. It even rained on New Year's Eve. Fortunately, though, it didn't dampen anybody's spirits or enthusiasm. Tourists from all over the globe were here for the countdown. All sorts of private and public parties were held at bars and dance halls throughout the City. Thousands partied and danced their way into the new year. Funds were raised for Toys for Tots and other deserving agencies with much success. After all, so many of you have worked so hard the past 365 days, why not?

Looking ahead at new developments, the Bear Bar on Castro Street and the Watering Hole on Folsom Street will hopefully be gay-owned before the year is out. Make that before the end of January.

Former hard-working leather daddy Philip Turner has signed on the dotted line to assume ownership of The Bear on Castro, and Dennis Pulli, who succeeded Vern Stewart as manager of the Watering Hole on Folsom, is all set to take over that bar as the owner. It will remain a gay bar and, hopefully, the Great Buns Calendar contests for 1996 will resume. Stay tuned.

All You Need to Know

If you're one of those curious dudes who wonders what SM and all its off-shoots are about, you can get an early start learning all there is to know. The Ring is sponsoring a six-session seminar (the third Thursday of each month) entitled: Beginning SM. The first session is on Thursday, Jan. 19 (1900-2100).

The fee is \$100 (or sliding scale/negotiable) and will be facilitated by Chuck Williams, who has been a top dominant for over 25 years and a co-founder of The Ring. It's a discussion group for men just getting into SM. Sessions include types of SM play, roles, and common issues of the discipline. You may not end up as another Joseph Bear or Race Bannon, but you'll be more knowledgeable about a not-necessarily-leather sub-culture. Call (415) 863-2114 for location and questions. Do it today!

New Kid on the Block

A new magazine debuts in San Francisco this month. Its appearance is yet another example of gay entrepreneurial expertise fulfilling a need. The new magazine is called *GRUF*, (for Great Unshaven Faces) and you know there's a market for it. I know dudes who couldn't be bothered to even talk to you unless there was some hair on your jaw or chin!

The mag is about 5'0" clock shadow faces, mustaches, goatees, beards, the grunge look, construction-worker look and whatever nasty image your mind can conjure about men with hair on their faces.

I like *GRUF*'s unique intro to their mag: a 1995 *GRUF* calendar (\$10 plus \$2 shipping) with some great unshaven faces featured each month is on sale now by sending your check to 2235-A Market St., SF, CA 94114. Somebody at that magazine knows what they're doing!

GRUF will be a quarterly, and it will cost you \$20 a year (\$36 for two years). Canadians add \$10 per year. The publishers say the first issue will be out any day now, so look for it. Or, you can subscribe by sending your dough to the address mentioned above.

A party celebrating the premiere issue (sure to be a



Photo: Mr. Marcus

Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather Richard Benoit passes his sash to a successor at the big Centaur MC 25th Anniversary and 11th Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather contest in Washington, D.C. the weekend of Jan. 13-15.



Past SF Dyke Daddies (L. to R.): Skeeter Wildman ('92), B.C. Cliver ('91), and Jo Leroux ('93) will reign jointly with the title in 1995.

Photo: Mr. Marcus

collector's item — are you reading this Mark DeCicco?) will be held at the Lone Star Saloon on Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 1800-2100. Food, drink specials, and a GRUF contest are all part of the fun. The partying continues at Leather Buddies that same night, where beards and beard lovers will no doubt cavort in leather madness.

Looking Forward

In 1995, look for the return of the Golden Dildeaux Awards, the world's only sex awards at the Eagle. On April 1, the Biggest Cock in San Francisco contest will be held at The Playground as part of that club's re-opening celebration after extensive (and expensive) renovation. As you may know, The Playground closed last Sunday, Jan. 1, and will re-open in April.

Mr. San Francisco Leather 1995 will be chosen on Saturday, April 22. Before that, I suspect, there will be a Mr. Edge Leather, Mr. SF Eagle Leather, Mr. Nightshift Leather, Mr. Bear Leather and Mr. Watering Hole Leather. There are about a dozen Mr. Leathers in cities all over the U.S. already and they're all going for the gold ring at the International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago on Memorial Day Weekend.

One of the biggest leather competitions is next weekend, Jan. 13-15 in Washington, D.C. as the Centaur MC celebrates its 25th Anniversary and stages the 11th Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather contest.

There are almost a dozen contestants already, but there should be 15 or more by contest time! Lots of our guys will be in

attendance. The host hotel is sold out. The only tickets available now are for the contest (\$20), which is on Sunday, Jan. 15 at Tracks Bar.

Reno, Nevada and Columbus, Ohio get into the sash dash game when Reno names Mr. Silver State Leather on Saturday, Jan. 21 and Columbus names Mr. Ohio Valley Leather on Saturday, Jan. 28.

You may have noticed that the NFL wild card playoff games were in progress all last weekend. There were some surprising results. Things are shaping up nicely for the Super Bowl on Jan. 29. The 49ers go against the Chicago Bears in the Divisional Playoffs next Saturday (Jan. 7) at 1300. The AFC and NFC championship games are the following Sunday, Jan. 15. Go Niners! ▼

Affairs to Remember

Friday, Jan. 6

Kathy Rice-Grimm's big show of paintings, pastels' and works on paper opens at Artists Gallery (4076 19th St.) today. Described as "a brilliant young artist," her nudes are drawn with powerful contours defining form on snowy, muscular bodies. Abstract landscapes burst open with explosions of color and suggestive content. Hangs till January 29. Gallery hours are noon to 1700 Fridays through Sundays.

Saturday, Jan. 7

Pegasus MOC visits the International Motorcycle Show at the Cow Palace today. No details furnished.

First session of the year for The Ring seminars; the subject is "Play Party Etiquette." Call (415) 522-6967 for cost, time and location.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Cheaters MC beer bust at the SF-Eagle from 1500 to 1800 today for \$8, food and all the beer/soda you can drink.

Weekend, Jan. 13-15

Centaur MC Leather Weekend in

Washington, D.C., featuring the club's 25th anniversary and the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather Contest.

Remember, Monday, January 16, is Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday holiday.

Portland Uniform Weekend Three in Oregon. Organized by *In Uniform* magazine, with three days of uniform madness. Spaces are still obtainable by calling Andy Mangels (503) 228-6935 between 1100 and 2000.

Pegasus MOC "Frozen Fish Run" to Monterey, departing Saturday, January 14, from Castro Station bar at 0900. \$65 for non-members. Call (415) 626-7002 or 953-5667 no later than January 6.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Premiere issue party for GRUF magazine at the Lone Star Saloon this evening from 1800 to 2100. Food, drink specials and GRUF contest.

The party continues at Leather Buddies, where you can cavort with the bearded ones at 933 Harrison. You know the hours and the rules. No cologne! Boots & leather mandatory. You will be sniffed! ▼

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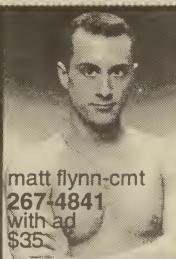
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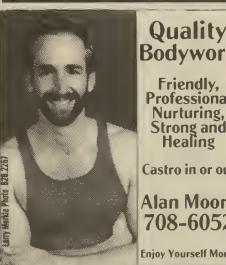
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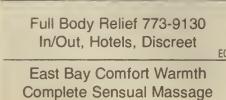
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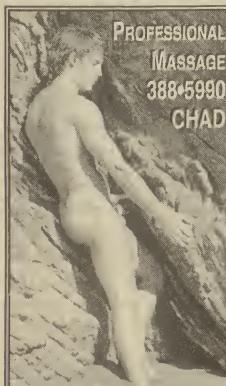
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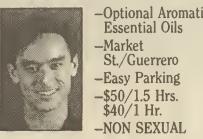
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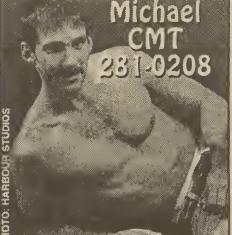
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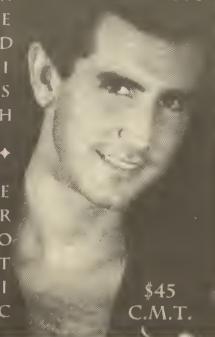
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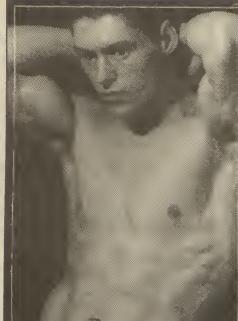
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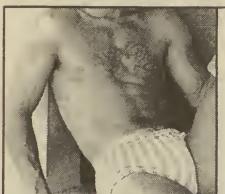
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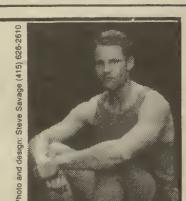
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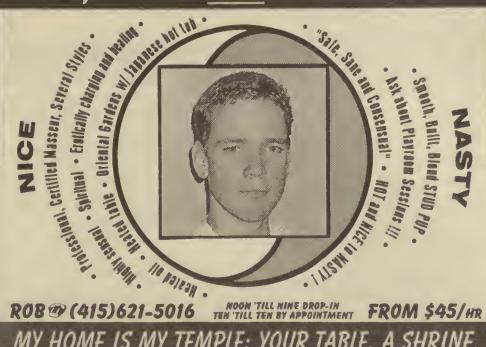
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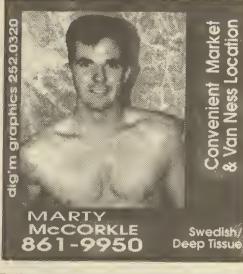
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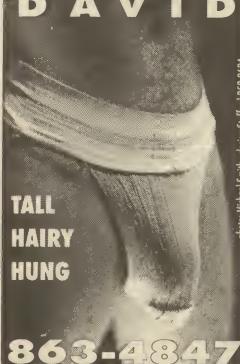


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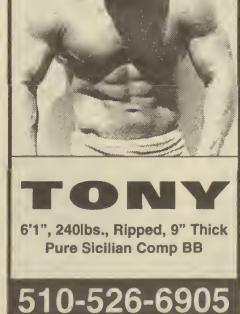


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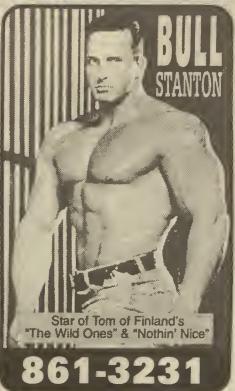
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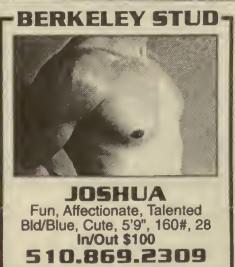
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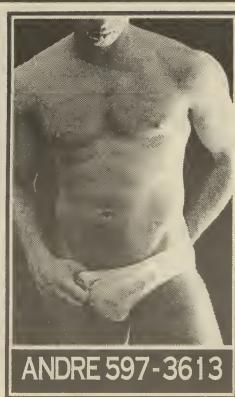
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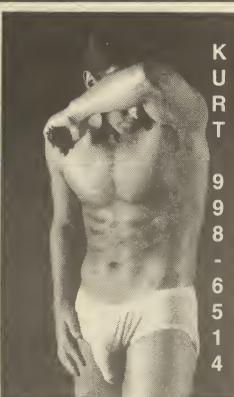
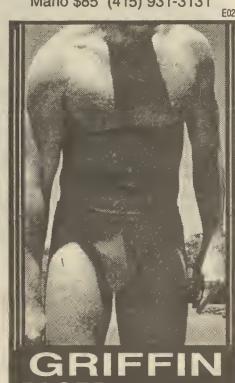
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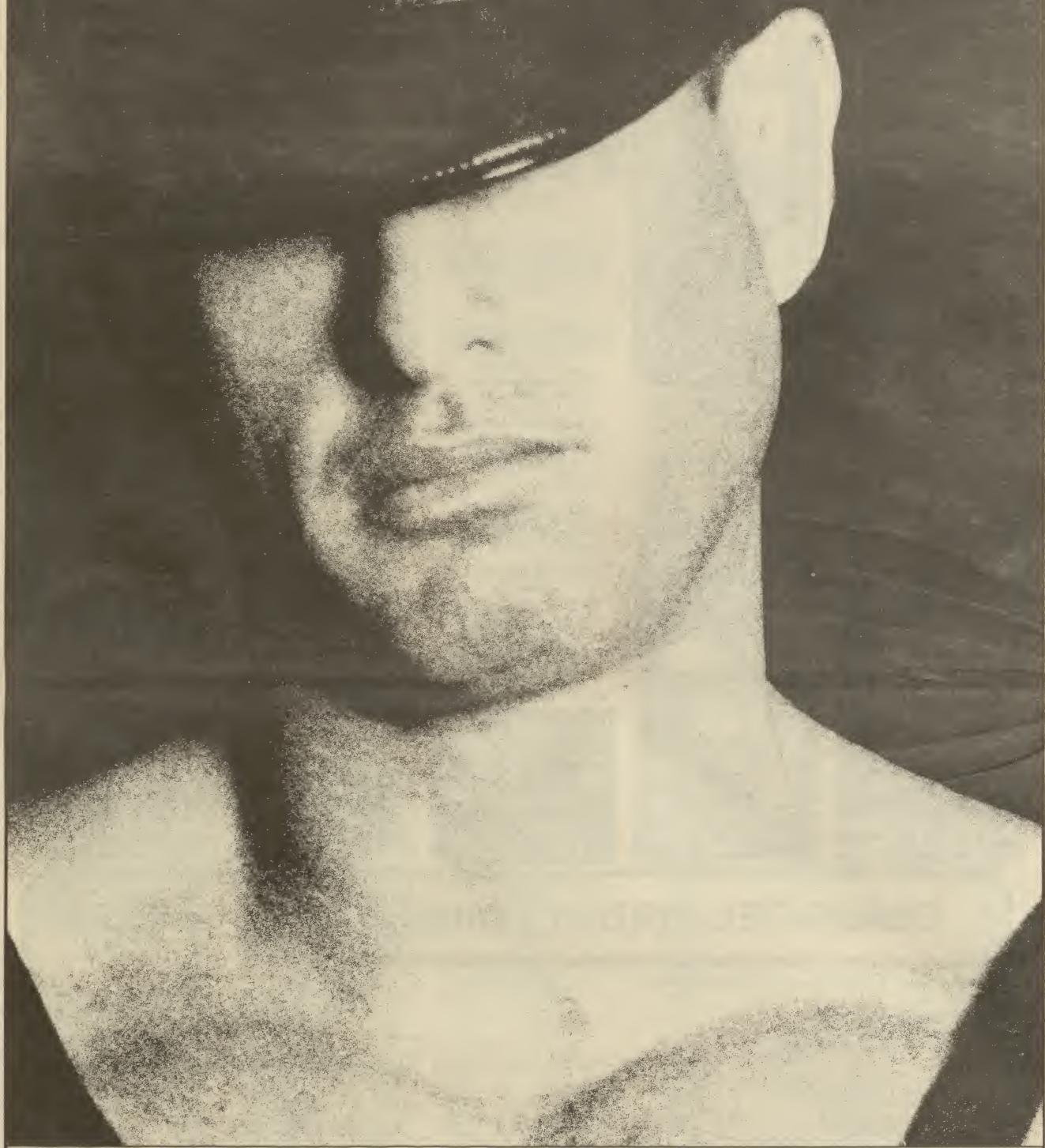
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